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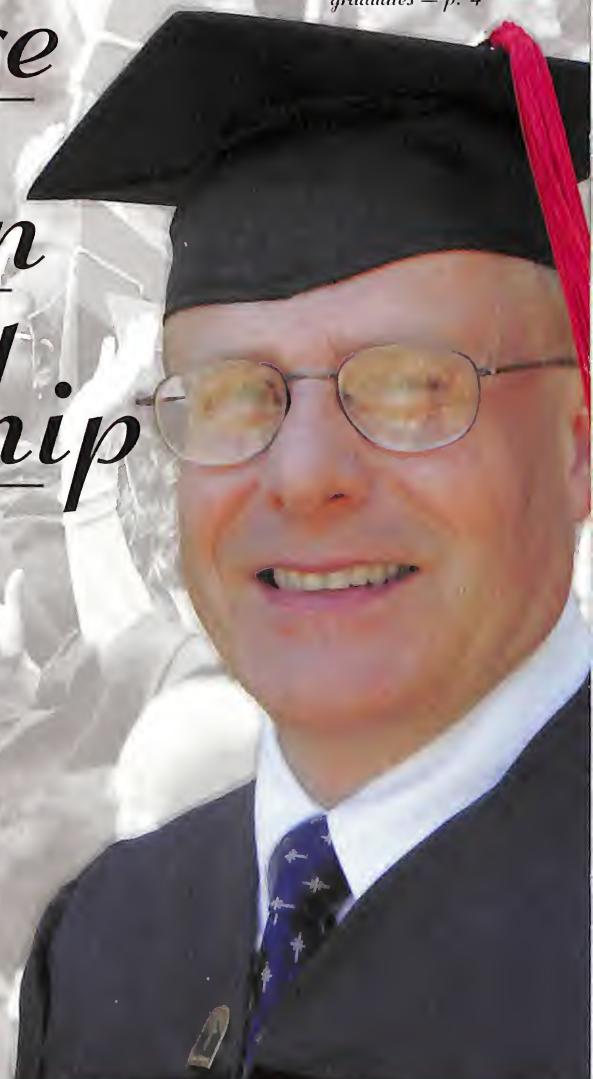
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# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

*With Another Year Complete, We're Moving Up And Moving On*

TO THE GARDNER-WEBB FAMILY,

Greetings from our beautiful campus. It is my sincere hope that each and every one of you are enjoying the changing of the seasons which, aside from signifying the rebirth that all living things feel when warmth replaces the cold, also shows us that God remains in control and continues to bless us with rejuvenation and beauty.

As another academic year has come to a close at our institution, yet more evidence has proven that Gardner-Webb University is strong, capable and poised to enjoy a very bright future. As you peruse the pages of this magazine, you will be presented with overwhelmingly positive and encouraging stories of progress, fortitude and character at its finest. I urge you to deliberately absorb every word. You will find yourself feeling very proud of this place!

I take no credit for this, but rather count it as a blessing that I can witness the people who love this great university at work. In fact, as my final year as president begins soon, I am deeply convinced that Gardner-Webb is preparing itself beautifully for its next appointed leader. The presidential search committee is in action – albeit behind the scenes, but very active nonetheless – identifying the traits and characteristics needed of your next president. I am happy to report that this committee has been dedicated to listening first. One of its initial objectives was to gather opinions through numerous sessions with students, faculty and staff. I consider this wise and you should feel comforted to

know that this committee clearly understands its role and its ultimate duty. Please be patient with their work and pray for their direction and stamina.

When you turn the page you will find that last month's graduation ceremonies were far from ordinary. In fact, it may well have been one of the most significant in recent memory. Martha Mason, an alumnus of immeasurable character, was awarded an honorary doctorate, despite having spent the vast majority of her life in an iron lung. Soon after that presentation was made official in our afternoon ceremony, the very first doctoral graduates in GWU history strode across the stage. Truly, I beamed with pride as these events transpired. As you read about these details, please pause to dwell on the impact these people are having on Gardner-Webb as our ambassadors to the world around us.

***“... it is a testimony to the strength of our university that we have pledged to do better by our name, our students, our faculty and staff, and our supporters.”***

Yet another source of satisfaction came in March when we were able to put to rest our dealings with the NCAA. And while we were prepared for the penalties that were handed to us, I am in awe of how gracefully the constituents of this institution endured what could have been a downright gloomy occasion. Those associated with Gardner Webb with whom I have met are committed to accepting the

guidance laid forth by the NCAA and move forward with a renewed vigor. Surely mistakes have been made and the implications felt, but it is a testimony to the strength of our university that we have pledged to do better by our name, our students, our faculty and staff, and our supporters.

Read even further in this magazine and you'll be

equally impressed with the accomplishments of our faculty, from those receiving awards and recognition for their scholarly work to those who should be held in high regard for their longevity and service to this institution. Are any of the people profiled in the faculty section special to you personally? I encourage you to write them a note or give them a call and let them know you appreciate the crucial role they play in making Gardner-Webb great.

And what can I say about our students? They continue to amaze me as I witness their undying spirit and energy. You'll read about how conscientious they are as this past semester they recommitted themselves to the GWU Honor Code. You'll also read how they put their quality of education up against many of the larger, more decorated institutions – and poise themselves as some of the finest in the Southeast. We're recruiting and educating a very high level of student. Join me in saluting their hard work and their conviction to succeed and serve.

Our athletics programs continue to make their mark as well, both in competition and in the classroom. Putting aside all of the games won, facilities built and athletic-related awards they achieved, perhaps I am most proud of the large number of student athletes who are being recognized as scholars. You are being well-

represented by these remarkable young men and women! It's an exciting time for our athletics department as we put past obstacles behind us and look forward to even greater excitement about our teams and athletes.

As for our alumni, I am simply overwhelmed by the quality of graduates that GWU produces. Young and



**Faculty**



**Students**

old, our alumni represent us so well as professionals and philanthropists, personalities on the national stage and in their local communities, and mostly as all-around profiles in courage and Christian spirit. I want each and every one of you who are alumni to remember this: you are Gardner-Webb University's best marketing tool by simply living an honorable life as a graduate of this institution. No amount of advertising or dollars spent on publicity efforts can match the impact that every individual alumnus can make in their respective circles of influence. Thank you for drawing positive attention to us!

And here is something I feel needs to be asked of you. Take a moment to look at the few lines dedicated to each person in the University family who has passed away. You may not have known them, but they truly are part of your family. Each of them had some part in bringing this institution to where it is today. Just as we honor those who serve our country, let's appreciate those who taught here, attended classes here or worked here so that Gardner-Webb could continue to press forward during the years they were with us.



**Alumni**

I enjoy passing these thoughts along to you in each issue and I hope you understand how truly grateful I feel as I write them. Gardner-Webb is a special place, one that makes me want to tell everyone about its stories and potential and successes. Please know that I appreciate your continued support for me and this university. We've put a challenging and noteworthy year behind us and we're already working on making the 2004-2005 year something even more special. Gardner-Webb turns 100 next year ... how will you celebrate this milestone? I challenge you to consider that possibility and act on it.

As always, I pray that God blesses you all with his mercy and grace,

Dr. Frank R. Campbell, president



# "I Salute You"

## Mason's Address Sets Tone For Historic Graduation

Gardner-Webb history.

Spring 2004 graduation also was historic. The university's first-ever doctoral graduates received their degrees in the afternoon ceremony. The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program, begun in 2001 as part of the GWU School of Divinity, bestowed degrees upon Gerald Bontrager of Statesville, NC; Brian Johnson of Knoxville, TN; and Mark Gaskins of Wingate, NC.

GWU has since begun its second doctoral program, featuring the Doctor of Education degree, in 2003.

"The historicity of the event was enormous," said Dr. Danny West, director of D.Min. program. "We are extremely proud of these three very fine representatives of our School of Divinity. They are bright, industrious, and each serves in significant roles of ministry. Their outstanding character and productivity is noteworthy. I can think of no better ambassadors for the School of Divinity and the larger University family than Gerald, Brian, and Mark."

Yet another memorable and moving highlight of the ceremonies was the

presenting of an honorary doctorate to Gardner-Webb alumnus Martha Mason of Lattimore, NC. An accomplished author and scholar, Mason has been restricted to life inside an 800-pound iron lung since being stricken with polio at age 11. The presentation of her honor, along with a

specially produced video honoring her life, was shown during each

ceremony on large video screens inside the Paul Porter Arena of the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on campus, where both ceremonies took place. The elaborate video set-up was necessary because Mason is unable to travel outside her home due to the limitations of the iron lung.

Mason graduated at the top of her class at what was then Gardner-Webb College in 1958. She was a pioneer in distance learning – listening and participating in classes via an intercom system from her living quarters. She went on to graduate first in her class from Wake Forest University as well and has since become a noted author, including the

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- Martha Mason



GWU's first-ever doctoral degree graduates



acclaimed "Breath: Life in the Rhythm of an Iron Lung."

Experts have said that, after 55 years, she may have lived longer in an iron lung than any other person in the world.

In her speech to the graduating class, which was read on her behalf by President Campbell, Mason noted, "I don't have to apologize to you for quoting from the Bible, from the Book of Proverbs: "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (29:18). Unless we are inspired by a vision, I fear that we will yield to the forces of darkness that are lurking in the sewers of our world, confident that we are decadent and soft and visionless.

"These forces, however, do not understand the impact of institutions like Gardner Webb University. Without a vision, it would not have survived. From the day of its founding in 1905, this institution was nourished by people who believed in its worth for young people seeking knowledge in the context of Christian faith.

They did not dwell in a land of false dichotomies: either faith or reason, either belief or skepticism, either God or humans. They believed — and they taught — that without God, humankind is hopelessly adrift; that without faith, reason is an amoral hireling; that without belief, life is a vortex of endless speculation.

"They believed—and they taught—that their vision, our vision, is grounded in the love of God in Christ Jesus. That vision is truly liberating and truly empowering. And in the long run it will be victorious. It will prevail."

She concluded by saying, "One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life. That word is love. It was the love of my parents that has made it possible for me to endure the weight of fifty-six years in an iron lung. Go into the world with courage and good cheer, knowing that you will forever be inspired by the vision you found here and forever comforted by the love of God."



# SINCE WE LAST MET

## NCAA RELEASES GWU FINDINGS IN MARCH

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) on March 4 released its report and issued its sanctions in relation to the University's athletics department. In doing so, the NCAA accepted many of Gardner-Webb's self imposed restrictions and announced its own specific sanctions in the report, which can be found in its entirety at the [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) website.

In its report, the NCAA states, "This was a case on two fronts: (1) the difficulties that can occur when Division

II institutions move up to Division I and, (2) the risks to a university president when he or she directly intervenes in situations involving student athletes and academics."

The report concluded that "the root of these violations can be

traced to the fact that the university had an inadequate compliance and rules education program in place at that time. This finding forms part of the basis for Finding II-G, the lack of institutional control finding."

GWU President Dr. Frank Campbell said, "The report contained no surprises because we had been working for over a year to address operations procedures that surfaced during our own internal audit of our athletics department. With the guidance of the NCAA and the Atlantic Sun Conference we had begun taking proactive measures to correct

what we considered to be problem areas. We are delighted that the NCAA's report mirrored many of the same conclusions we had drawn ourselves. We have been treated fairly by the NCAA and we look forward to working with them on these compliance issues."

C. Neal Alexander Jr., chair of the Gardner-Webb University Board of Trustees, said, "The last 18 months have been a difficult and challenging time in the life of Gardner Webb University and we are pleased that this episode is coming to a close. I am truly grateful for the spirit in which our administration and athletics department have worked with the NCAA during this time. Since the Fall of 2002, Gardner-Webb has instituted stronger controls and compliance measures, and we are committed to continue strengthening those measures. We accept this report from the NCAA and we offer our heartfelt thanks to that organization for its assistance to us. We can now begin a new chapter in the life of this university of looking forward rather than looking back."

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*- C. Neal Alexander, Jr., chair, board of trustees*

with Dr. Frank Campbell. Many local and regional YMCA leaders from the Carolinas and Tennessee also were on hand to participate. More than 100 visitors, including GWU trustees and local civic leaders, witnessed the signing of the agreement at a reception on the GWU campus.



*Dr. Campbell with Dr. Kenneth Gladish*

## YMCA PROGRAM CALLED 'HISTORIC'

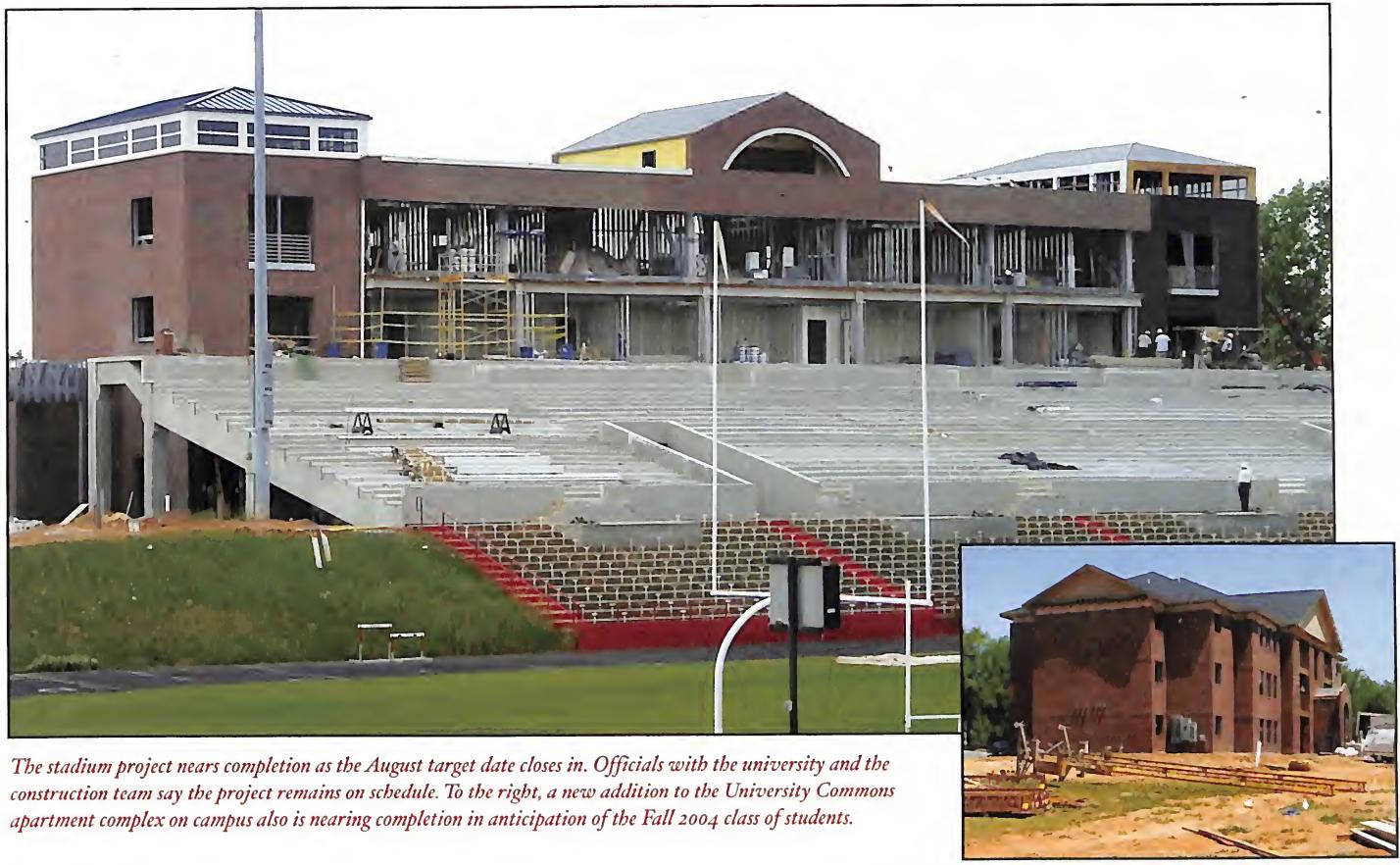
Thursday, February 12, marked the signing of an historic agreement between Gardner-Webb and the YMCA of the USA to prepare college students for careers in the non-profit sector, primarily the YMCA.

The articulation agreement officially ushered in the concept of the "Gardner Webb Student Y," which has already begun offering courses to students this spring. Dr. Kenneth Gladish, chief executive officer for the YMCA of the USA, came to the Gardner-Webb campus with other national YMCA representatives to sign the agreement

The significance of the agreement is the establishment of a curriculum offered through Gardner-Webb to college students seeking "servant leadership" positions within the YMCA or other non-profits, according to Gladish. Students participating in the Gardner-Webb Student Y take classes, participate in seminars and workshops, and perform internships while pursuing their chosen degrees. The creative partnership, added Gladish, hopes to be a model for other campus programs of the same kind to be started by the YMCA at other U.S. colleges.

Gladish said, "One day we will look back and see that the YMCA's movement from success to significance can be traced to this partnership and others like it."

YMCA leaders said that its national organization has over 18 million participants and features over 600,000 volunteers, but programs like the one at Gardner-Webb are crucial to identifying and training its next generation of leaders.



The stadium project nears completion as the August target date closes in. Officials with the university and the construction team say the project remains on schedule. To the right, a new addition to the University Commons apartment complex on campus also is nearing completion in anticipation of the Fall 2004 class of students.



## ART GALLERY ADORNS LIBRARY

GWU recently unveiled what is now called the Giles Crowell Gallery in the university's Dover Memorial Library. The gallery, which comprises Bob Timberlake artwork donated by Mr. Giles Crowell of Lexington and framed by Shelby businesswoman and GWU alumnus Janet Berry, features many of the 24 total Timberlake pieces that Gardner-Webb now houses.



Billie Gribble represents Giles Crowell at the opening of the Crowell Art Gallery in Dover Library.

Crowell, a personal friend of Bob Timberlake whose collection of the famed

artist's work was described as "massive" by one of Crowell's colleagues, learned about Gardner-Webb through one of its students – Russ Gribble, who attends the university with the assistance of the Noel Programs for the Disabled, a unique program that helps students with physical disabilities enjoy the traditional college experience. It was Gribble's grandmother, Billie, a longtime friend of Mr. Crowell's, who told Crowell of the work GWU was doing with her grandson.

## STACY, BLACKBURN MOVE TO NEW JOBS

Dr. R. Wayne Stacy, dean of the School of Divinity since 1997, has announced his resignation to return to the pastorate in his native Florida. Stacy's resignation was effective April 1.

He leaves Gardner-Webb to take the position as senior pastor of the 1,600 member Southside Baptist Church in

Jacksonville, Florida.

During his tenure as dean, the School of Divinity increased its enrollment to nearly 300, added two endowed professorships, attracted nationally known faculty members to its teaching ranks, and embarked upon a \$5 million campaign to provide scholarships.

Dr. Gil Blackburn will become the next provost and senior vice chancellor at The University of Virginia's College at Wise, U.Va. President John Casteen has announced.

Blackburn, GWU special projects coordinator, will assume his duties in Virginia on July 1. An accomplished scholar, he will hold professorships in both history and education.

Blackburn came to Gardner-Webb in 1968 as a professor of history and has continued to serve the institution in a variety of administrative roles including director of graduate studies, associate dean of academic affairs, and VP and dean of academic affairs.

He was selected to become UVA-Wise's chief academic officer following an extensive national search process.



## Cullinan Says Goodbye To GWU After 30 Years

After 30 years of teaching, which includes holding the position of department chair for eight years, Dr. Alice Cullinan has retired, but she doesn't plan to slow down. Her future plans could entail more work than she's left behind.

"I feel a definite call to another kind of ministry, to work with the church in spiritual enrichment," which Cullinan plans to do through holding workshops, retreats and preaching. "I hope those who have been students with me will pray about recommending me to their church," she adds. She also hopes to do more writing and desktop publishing. She has already developed programs to assist churches in their ministry to widows and with integrating Scripture into everyday life. She has also published a book of devotions.

In the classroom, Cullinan admits she was "tough" saying, "how you function as a student will directly portray how you will perform in the church." Cullinan is known by her students as the "Notebook Queen" and was one of the first professors to teach online courses.

Of her teaching career at Gardner-Webb, Cullinan states, "It was not a job, it was a ministry. There is no greater joy than to see my students go on to be faithful in the ministry and be used of God."

## New Positions Announced

As part of a reorganization in its academic structure, GWU has made four appointments, according to Dr. Frank Bonner, provost and senior vice president.

Dr. Earl Leininger has been named Associate Provost with responsibility for Arts and Sciences. Dr. Darlene Gravett has been named Associate Provost for Schools, and Dr. Carolyn Jackson's title has been elevated to Assistant Provost for Distance Learning and Continuing Education. Also, Dr. Gayle Price has been named Assistant Dean of the Graduate School.

Bonner added that a consultant recently evaluated the institution's academic structure and made recommendations for the new titles.

Also, the Board of Trustees voted to affirm the following appointments:

Awarded tenure: Dr. Robert Canoy and Dr. Doug Dickens.

Promoted to Professor: Dr. Kent Blevins, Dr. David Carscadden, Dr. Johnnie Hamrick, Dr. June Hobbs, Dr. Janet Land, and Dr. Wanda Stutts.

Promoted to Associate Professor: Ms. Susan Bell, Mr. Doug Knotts, and Dr. Patricia Sparti.

Promoted to Assistant Professor: Mr. Bob Carey, Ms. Trisa Hines, Ms. Sharon Starr, and Ms. Lane Wesson.

*From top: Dr. Leininger, Dr. Gravett, Dr. Price, and Dr. Jackson*



In other news this spring, Dr. Lucenda "Cindy" McKinney, professor of education, was awarded the outstanding faculty member of the year award, which is nominated by students and chosen by a committee of trustees, past recipients, students, and a local educator. McKinney is a 1986 and 1989 graduate of Gardner-Webb and an employee since 1992.

In the School of Divinity, acting dean Dr. Robert Canoy announced that Dr. Danny West had been appointed director of Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program; the Rev. Clinton Feemster was named director of the Center for Congregational Enrichment; and Melanie Nogalski was named director of the Lilly Ministerial Vocation Program for Youth.

Of Feemster, Canoy said, "Clinton always wears a smile. He loves the church in its many and various expressions. He will continue to help build bridges throughout our community."

## McKinney Named Prof of the Year; School of Divinity Fills Roles



McKinney with Dr. Campbell



Feemster

## Parish Nursing: Symposium Offers Dialogue On Newest Specialty

The GWU School of Nursing recently presented its first symposium on Parish Nursing on campus. As one of the newest specialties in nursing, Parish Nursing offers another avenue for promoting health among church families and other faith communities. As part of the symposium, continuing education units were awarded to participants.

The Symposium drew an audience that included nurses, physicians, health care personnel, ministers, chaplains, church leaders, community leaders, and health care students. It also was open to the general public. The Symposium

provided an overview of Parish Nursing, its link between health and faith, and the various models, functions and logistics involved in Parish Nursing practice.

This first symposium by the School of Nursing to focus on Parish Nursing was a combined effort between the faculty and staff, and Parish Nursing graduates from 2003. Guest speakers include Dr. Sybil Smith, RN, Ph.D. and Dr. Douglas M. Dickens, Ph.D.

Smith is a consultant and speaker in research and development, family and community health, and gerontological and parish nursing. She authored "Parish Nursing: A Handbook for the New Millennium" in 2003. Dickens is the W. Randall Lolley Professor of Pastoral Studies for the School of Divinity at GWU.



*Dr. Doug Dickens, a nationally renowned professor of the School of Divinity, was one of the featured symposium speakers.*

**Dean Invited to Join the Oxford Round Table**

Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, Dean of the School of Business, has received an invitation to join an Oxford Round Table forum to be held August 8th-13th at the University of Oxford in Oxford, England.

The Oxford Round Table is a prestigious group of approximately 40 persons including academic experts, attorneys and policy makers who come together to discuss developments relevant to their areas of specialties - in this case, international trade and the environment.

The purpose of the Oxford Round Table is to promote human advancement and understanding through the improvement of education. The Round Table meets periodically and at each session comprises a small select group of leaders from both the public and private sectors of several countries.

## Faculty Member Wins Award For New Play

An elite group of theater professionals gathered in the Actor's Theater in downtown Charlotte in March to announce the winner of the North Carolina Theater Conference (NCTC) 2004 New Play Award. Bringing home this honor was Scot Lahaie for his play "Dogfall," a drama about doctor-assisted suicide and the right-to-die movement. Lahaie is director of theater at Gardner-Webb.

"Dogfall" premiered in November 2003 as the inaugural production in Gardner-Webb's new Playwrights' Workshop, an initiative in bringing new plays to the stage. "The focus of the workshop is not on the finished product so much as on development," comments Lahaie.

"We explore the script - rewriting and cutting as needed - as we bring it to the stage. It is very rewarding to see my play receive so much attention. It validates the hard work we put into the development of this play."

The NCTC New Play Award carries with it a \$500 cash prize, a production grant of \$500 gifted to the first full production of the play by a NCTC member theater, and a staged reading at the 2004 NCTC state convention.



*Lahaie*

# *University Community Holds Convocation To Reaffirm Its Commitment To Honor Code*

At opening convocation ceremonies this Spring, a student, a faculty member and the university president each spoke from their individual perspectives on the life-long benefits of adhering to a code of honor. "We come together to pledge to each other our support of honor." This opening remark by Dr. Frank Bonner, GWU provost, was the resounding theme of the convocation ceremony.

The Student Government Association headed the effort to bring the honor code to the Gardner-Webb family in 2000. The honor code speaks to all students and faculty regarding academic honesty, and is signed by students upon their enrollment at Gardner-Webb. This convocation meeting spoke to the higher calling of the code. The honor code at Gardner-Webb speaks to developing a person of integrity and to an approach toward life that exemplifies character.

"As our centennial celebration approaches we want to affirm those things that remain the same at our institution. One of those is our foundation of Christian principles. Another is our commitment to academic integrity and honor," said Tracy

Jessup, minister to the university and director of campus ministries. Jessup agreed with Dr. Bonner's explanation that it is beneficial for the university to more openly affirm and demonstrate these values, thus the idea to have such a ceremony at the beginning of the spring semester. "We should enunciate these ideals more often and more clearly," Bonner added. "It is good for others to hear us declare our belief system."

"Remember this day," challenged Dr. Campbell, holding up a pocket-sized copy of the Honor Code, one of which was distributed to everyone in attendance. "This may well be the most important document that you may receive at Gardner-Webb.

Nothing you do in life will be more important than being a person of integrity."

Amanda Miller, a GWU junior who spoke during the ceremony, hopes each student will carry the honor code with them throughout their life, "Our integrity is something we can always take with us. Integrity, self-respect and honor will last a lot longer than a good or bad grade."

Dr. David Carscadden, professor of psychology, said the honor code "is indispensable to our very identity as an institution of Christian higher learning. And there is nothing impossible about the honor code. The principles behind it are more important than any of the facts you learn in class. It is a thing of high value, and it is good, whether anyone conforms to it or not."

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**Pocket-sized copies of the Honor Code were handed out to everyone at convocation**

## Many Choose Missions for Spring Break Activities



A group of 60 GWU students and accompanying staff and faculty chose to spend their spring break serving others through mission work in Alaska, El Salvador, Honduras, Poland and Illinois. The trips were coordinated by the GWU Office of Campus Ministries and Spring Break 2004 featured the largest ever number of GWU students out "on mission" during a spring break session.

A team of 10 traveled to Alaska to assist the Baptist campus minister at the University of Alaska -Fairbanks (UAF) in relational evangelism and to work in area churches to encourage believers in their walks. The group hosted a youth rally at the University Baptist Church, led Sunday morning service at Faith Baptist Church and conducted three alternative worship services at UAF.

Jeff Porter and Hamal Strayhorn, Gardner-Webb staff members who are also alumni, led the group to Alaska. "The image that remains in my mind from our mission trip to Fairbanks is one



of planting seeds," said Porter. "Throughout the entire week, we sowed seeds of God's love and mercy to those that we encountered."

Students who participated in the El Salvador, Mexico, trip were required to have completed an advanced sign language class. Students both hearing and deaf served at a deaf school in El Salvador by teaching classes while the regular teachers attended a workshop led by Gardner-Webb faculty member

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Mary High. The group also held a revival service at Efata Deaf Church and performed other work at the school including painting a mural.

The Honduras trip was a medical mission trip coordinated alongside dental students from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Tracy Jessup, minister to the university, and Tabitha Childers, coordinator of the Fellowship of Christians United in Service (FOCUS) group, led the team.

The trip to Poland was to evangelize and establish cell groups among university students in Warsaw. This trip was led by Dr. Jim Whitlow, assistant dean of Student Development and director of counseling services, and Andy Byers, assistant director of Campus Ministries.

During the trip to East Saint Louis, Illinois, students assisted at an after-school Christian activity center for inner-city children. The trip was led by Dr. Eddie Stepp, GWU faculty member.

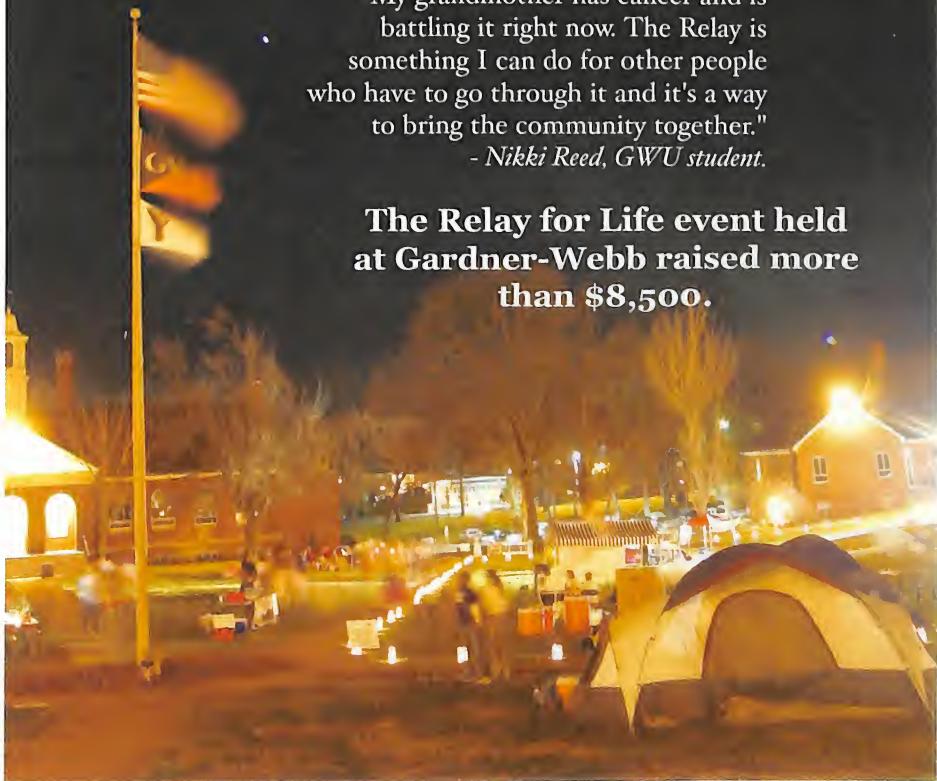
## Students Get Involved by Serving in the Community and Beyond.

**The student volunteer group, Servants United, organized the Relay For Life to benefit cancer patients.**

"My grandmother has cancer and is battling it right now. The Relay is something I can do for other people who have to go through it and it's a way to bring the community together."

- Nikki Reed, GWU student.

**The Relay for Life event held at Gardner-Webb raised more than \$8,500.**





## Student-led Investment Club Beats S&P Index Performance

The Student Investment Club at GWU has consistently out-performed the S&P Index for the past five years. Four years ago, a generous grant from BB&T of \$5,000 per year was given to the club for a duration of five years to provide students the opportunity to

learn from investing real monies. As of this Spring, the club boasted a portfolio worth \$21,730 after deducting all fees and trading costs.

According to Dr. Philip Swicegood, faculty representative for the club and GWU School of Business finance professor, the students spend considerable time researching the companies and their potential investments.

The club comes together on the third Thursday of the month, with each research committee bringing suggestions to the group for consideration. After formal presentations and rigorous debates, most possibilities are rejected, but a

*"Most portfolio managers in this country are judged based on how they perform against the S&P 500, so we use that same criteria as well."*

few meet club approval.

"We are very aggressive, yet very demanding," says Swicegood. "The club approaches their search for superior stocks by asking, 'Will it outperform the S&P 500?' Most portfolio managers in this country are judged based on how they perform against the S&P 500, so we use that same criteria as well."

Swicegood emphasizes that the students themselves make the decisions on which investments to pursue, while he does the data entry for their account. The Investment Club hopes to one day have accumulated enough profit to create its own scholarship for future business majors.

Club officers include: Todd Ulrich, president; Abraham Gonzales, vice-president; Nathan Workman, treasurer; and Elaina Iltheva, secretary.

### CHECK THE STATS

*Below is a breakdown of the S&P performance compared to the performance of the Student Investment Club:*

Year	S&P Index	GWU Club
2000	-09.19%	+04.01%
2001	-12.28%	+00.84%
2002	-23.37%	-21.21%
2003	+26.40%	+30.25%
2004(ytd)	+02.69%	+4.73%

## GWU SIFE Team Wins Regional Competition

and Appalachian State University and other regional schools from West Virginia and Georgia at the 2004 Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) Regional Competition this Spring in Charlotte, NC. A panel of judges honored GWU SIFE with the title of USA Regional Champion. This advanced GWU to the SIFE USA National Exposition at Kansas City in May.

"SIFE is an amazing opportunity for students to get involved with the community, and apply the principles of business in a local setting," says Adam Fisher, president of the GWU SIFE team. "I am very proud of the team this year. The team worked very hard this year, and it paid off at this year's competition."

The Gardner-Webb SIFE team matched its educational outreach projects against the projects of UNC-Chapel Hill

Students In Free Enterprise encourages students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations, using their knowledge to make life better in their communities through educational outreach projects. GWU SIFE touched the Cleveland County community this year in several ways, including teaching a class on entrepreneurship to high school students and hosting an ethics workshop on campus. The team has embarked upon international business ventures involving Uruguay, South America, and Gambia, West Africa.

One continuing project the Team has maintained is Gardner-Webb Bulldog Hearts, a heart-shaped glass ornament imprinted with the school's mascot. The campus shop purchased this project and ornaments are now available for occasions such as Graduation.

At competition, teams are judged on how well their projects taught others the principles of free enterprise.

**Douglas Singer**

graduated this year with a bachelor's degree in music and an emphasis in composition.

## NURSES CARRY TRADITION

*Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, established the first school of nursing in 1860 that has become a model for schools of nursing. Nightingale was known as "the gentle lady with the lamp." Ashley Triplett (right) is one of the Gardner-Webb ADN graduates who attended the pinning and lighting ceremony held at Boiling Springs Baptist Church in May by the GWU School of Nursing. The lamp has become a symbol of progressive, efficient and dedicated care of the sick as well as concern for the welfare of all humanity. As ADN graduates carrying the lamp, they signify dedication to their chosen profession of and to all those who will be in their care and within the influence of their lives. Triplett will continue in the BSN program at GWU.*



Presenters included Adam Fisher, president; Jeff Davis, vice-president of projects; Seedy Badjan, vice-president of international projects and marketing; Rebeka Russell, treasurer; Emily Ingram and Ruth Evangelista.

Dr. Anthony Negbenebor and Ms. Deborah Knupp serve as advisors for the SIFE Team and were named Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellows in recognition of their leadership and support of the SIFE Program.

"Being able to share my knowledge with others who don't know about or understand business concepts is priceless," says Rebeka Russell, GWU SIFE treasurer. "SIFE is an organization committed to helping others, not just in the aspect of business."

Founded in 1975 and active on more than 1500 college and university campuses in 37 countries, SIFE is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to provide students the opportunity to make a difference and to develop

## Student's Original Composition Makes History

During the Gardner-Webb University/Community Orchestra this spring something historic took place. The performance marked the first time in Gardner-Webb's history that a student composition has been premiered by the GWU Orchestra, Choral Union and guest artists.

Douglas Singer, a GWU student originally from Sterling, CO, wrote the symphonic cantata "Judah" as his senior thesis. "Judah" is a seven-section symphonic work that includes piano, tenor solo and a choir. The work is based on the life of Judah in the Bible. Singer

## ALPHA CHI HONORS TWO FROM GWU

Two GWU students were recognized for achievement recently by Alpha Chi, the national college honor society, when the organization announced its annual recipients of prestigious fellowships and scholarships.

Ten H.Y. Benedict Fellowships were given nationally by Alpha Chi, and Kathryn Phillips of GWU was one of them. The award pays \$2,500 for the first year of graduate or professional study. Phillips will pursue a career in medicine by continuing her education at Florida State University. Sara Olimb of GWU was named a second alternate for the Benedict Fellowship.



leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

# BULLDOG



## NEW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH BRINGS 'INSTANT CREDIBILITY'

Rick Reeves has accepted the position of head women's basketball coach at GWU, after spending the past five seasons as the head women's coach at Southern Miss. Reeves, who has a tremendous history of rebuilding Division I programs during his 18 years in collegiate coaching, has posted a career-record of 267-238 and has taken his teams to the postseason four times at the Division I level – including three-straight trips to the NCAA Tournament at Liberty University (1997-99) before taking over the reigns at Southern Miss in 1999.

In his first season as the head coach at Southern Miss, Reeves directed the Golden Eagles to a 17-13 record and a berth in the WNIT. His 2003-2004 squad, despite a rash of injuries, posted a 14-13 overall mark. He inherits a Gardner-Webb team that finished 5-22 in 2003-2004 and 4-16 in the Atlantic Sun Conference. He replaces Serena King, who served as the program's interim head coach this past season.

"Rick Reeves brings instant credibility to our women's basketball program, on and off the court," said GWU Vice President for Athletics Chuck Burch, who first hired Reeves as the head coach at Liberty in 1990. "Rick's success as a head coach at the Division I level speaks for itself. He is an experienced leader who has shown the ability to consistently recruit and develop successful student-athletes, in the classroom and on the court."

Prior to his arrival at Southern Miss, Reeves was named Big South Conference Coach of the Year three times and State Coach of the Year once during his time directing the Liberty Flames' program in Lynchburg, Va. In 1997-98, he directed the Flames to an amazing 28-0 record heading into the NCAA Tournament – including a Big South Tourney title and regular season championship.



### Athletes Take Academic Honors

best total among the league's 11 member institutions.

Graduate student Tim Behrendorff, the Bulldogs' 6-foot-11 center, was one of only three men's basketball players in the league to post a semester grade point average of 4.0 – joining Belmont's Adam Mark and Mercer's Will Emerson.

Joining Behrendorff from GWU on the All-Academic Team are sophomore forward Brian Bender (the team's leading scorer this past season), senior forward Brendan Clowry, senior guard Chris Wiggins and freshman guard Matt Pait. Only Belmont (10) and Mercer (7) had

Gardner-Webb placed five of its men's basketball players on the 03-04 Atlantic Sun Conference All-Academic Team, the third-

more honorees in the sport of men's basketball than Gardner-Webb, which now has finished among the top-3 institutions in each of the past two seasons in men's basketball.

To be named to the A-Sun's All-Academic Team, a student-athlete must achieve a 3.0 or higher grade point average in the classroom.

**SWIMMING** – GWU's swim team turned in the nation's second-highest grade point average among Division I programs, earning College Swimming Coaches Association of America Academic All-American honors.

The Bulldogs turned in a team GPA of 3.584, putting them second in the nation among D-I schools and third in the country overall. Butler University topped

the list with a team GPA of 3.69, while Division III Carnegie Mellon was second overall with a 3.59 mark.

**GWU had 17 of its 18 swimming student-athletes named to the GWU Athletic Honor Roll, with 12 of them earning Academic All-Northeast Conference accolades.**

Jennifer Bishop, Jennifer Chester, Lisa Fry, Kourtney Hamilton, Samantha Lehman, Jessica Mischel, Camille Palacio, Katy Peterson, Taylor Simpson, Katie Thrall, Kathryn Williams and Terra Wilson all earned Academic All-NEC status.

The Bulldogs won the NEC team championship in their first season in the conference, topping second-place Georgetown.



# Athletics

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## MEN'S SOCCER HAS NATION'S BIGGEST TURNAROUND

Gardner-Webb's men's soccer team's dramatic turnaround in 2003 made it the most improved soccer team in the nation, the NCAA announced this Spring.

Head coach Tony Setzer's squad posted a 10-9 mark in 2003, improving 8.5 games from 2002's 0-16-4 campaign. Western Michigan improved 7.5 games (12-7-2 in 2003, 3-13-2 in 2002) to take second on the national list.

The Bulldogs won 10 games for the fifth time in school history, and the first time since the 1999 season, GWU's last at the Division II level.

Gardner-Webb went 4-5 in Atlantic Sun Conference play, knocking off Georgia State, then the No. 7 team in the region, and taking eventual A-Sun champion UCF to overtime before falling 2-1. The Bulldogs finished just one game out of the final A-Sun Tournament spot, ending the season in seventh place in the league standings.

GWU also took wins over regional rivals Elon, Wofford and Campbell and hung tough with NC State and national No. 5 Wake Forest in a pair of road losses to the ACC duo.



## FOOTBALL SIGNS TOP DAWGS

A total of 16 prospects this Spring signed National Letters of Intent to play football for the Bulldogs, who finished the 2003 season with an 8-4 record and a second consecutive Big South Conference championship. Head Coach Steve Patton was pleased with the results of a long, but productive, recruiting season.

"This is by far the top group of young men we've signed here," he said.

Five of the prospects cover 40 yards in 4.5 seconds or less and three earned All-State honors.



## SOFTBALL MAKES ITS MARK

Stacie Reichert and Rachael Riopel were named All-Conference, Shelley Lavender and Abbie Looper were named to the All-Freshmen Team and head coach Tom Cole was voted the Atlantic Sun Coach of the Year as GWU's softball team took home several postseason honors.

Cole directed Gardner-Webb to an amazing turnaround this season, guiding the Bulldogs to a 30-30-1 record and a spot in the A-Sun Tournament.



Cole

## MAXWELL HEADS TO PROS

Immediately following the conclusion of the NFL Draft, Gardner-Webb linebacker Jim Maxwell signed a three-year free agent contract with the New York Giants, after fielding offers from seven NFL teams.

Maxwell, a 6-foot-4, 242-pound outside linebacker, chose New York after considering contracts with the Detroit Lions, Atlanta Falcons, Washington Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles, among others.

Maxwell is a two-time first-team All-Big South Conference selection who turned a time of 4.55 seconds in the 40-yard dash during his Pro Day in March. He is the first GWU player to sign with an NFL team since wide receiver Eric Harris signed with Atlanta in 1998. Maxwell is also the first player from the I-AA Big South Conference to sign an NFL contract.

The Johnsonville, S.C., native said his phone was ringing off the hook through much of the sixth and seventh rounds of the draft, with teams making their offers immediately following the final pick.

"It was one of the most exciting and one of the most nervous days of my life," Maxwell said of the experience.

# Acclaimed Author and Alumnus Visits Campus

Pulitzer Prize nominee author Ron Rash visited Gardner-Webb in March to receive the Alumnus of the Year award from the university and to read from his published and yet-to-be published works. His newest book entitled "Saints by the River" is expected to be released in August.

After an award presentation during a luncheon, Rash held a reading session for students.

Rash, a 1976 GWU alumnus, is published in over 80 journals and magazines and has won numerous awards. He holds the Parris Distinguished Professor Chair in Appalachian Cultural Studies at

Western Carolina University.

GWU President Dr. Frank Campbell presented Rash with the Alumnus of the Year award given yearly through the division of University Relations at the luncheon held in his honor. Rash was unable to attend the fall Gallery of Distinguished Graduates banquet held as part of the homecoming celebration.

GWU established the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates to recognize and honor alumni who have made outstanding contributions in their fields of service and in the communities in which they live. Every year, alumni are selected from nominations by their peers and the Gardner-Webb



community.

Upon accepting his award as Alumnus of the Year, Rash praised his former professors by saying, "I cannot recall an apathetic teacher during my time at Gardner-Webb."

**Nominations for the next induction ceremony for the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates are now being accepted.**

You may nominate an alumnus online at [www.alumni.gardner-webb.edu](http://www.alumni.gardner-webb.edu), or call Alumni Relations at 704-406-3862.



**"I am so thankful that he had the people here ... as part of his life."**

An award is also given through the athletic department. Justin Alston graduated with a degree in Athletic Training from Gardner-Webb.

A scholarship is being established, named the Justin Scot Alston Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will assist full-time student athletes. First preference will be given to students pursuing a career in coaching and second preference given to students pursuing a career in sports management or sports medicine.

Gloria Alston added, "Justin was an amazing son who did amazing things against considerable odds in the short amount of time given him ..."

## 'Amazing' Alston Remembered Through New Awards and Scholarship

Justin Scot Alston, a 2003 graduate who passed away in January, was actively involved in many organizations at Gardner-Webb. He had a deep love for the University, a compassion for people and maintained a positive outlook on life despite his terminal condition.

The first of several awards named in his memory were given this spring during Awards Day. The Justin Scot Alston LIFE Award was presented to Laurie Pinkert at the Volunteer and Leadership Awards ceremony. This award is given to a senior who exemplifies LIFE - Living In Fullness Everyday, one of Alston's greatest attributes. The

award is given by the Student Alumni Council, of which Alston was an active member.

"Through the Living In Fullness Every Day award I know his spirit is living on," said Justin's mother, Gloria Alston. "However, having other people who knew Justin feeling strong enough to lift up his memory by naming this award, the Justin Scot Alston Life Award, humbles me. I am so thankful that he had the people here at Gardner-Webb, the students, staff and community as part of his life and family."



Justin Alston's family poses with Laurie Pinkert (center), recipient of the LIFE award. Pinkert has since joined the admissions office at Gardner-Webb as counselor.



## DR. GENE WASHBURN RECOGNIZED FOR LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO GWU

Dr. H. Gene Washburn of Boiling Springs was one of 12 North Carolinians to receive the newly created Baptist Heritage Award, given by the North Carolina Baptist Foundation and the Council on Christian Higher Education. The award is presented to individuals whose support of Christian agencies associated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) has made a difference in the life and future of North Carolina Baptists.

A trustee of GWU for several terms beginning in 1983, the Board has recognized Washburn's leadership by electing him to the position of Board Chairman on numerous occasions.

Dr. Washburn's involvement with Gardner-Webb can be traced back to his time as an undergraduate in the early 1950s. An outstanding student-athlete for GWU, Dr. Washburn also served as editor for the campus newspaper before completing his degree and moving on to Wake Forest University. There he earned his B.S. degree in 1954 and later his M.D. degree from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University.

He would use his medical expertise in a variety of capacities: as a general medical officer in the United States Army, as a family practice physician in his hometown of Boiling Springs for nearly 40 years, as a team doctor for Gardner-Webb athletic teams, as a consulting physician for Cleveland County high schools, and on medical mission trips to Honduras and to Zambia.

Dr. Washburn and his family have been active in community and church affairs all of their lives. At Boiling Springs Baptist Church he has served as deacon and church moderator, as well as leading several church committees.

During his leadership at Gardner-Webb, which now spans over two decades, the institution has experienced its most significant growth in quality and quantity, and GWU is now recognized as a leading regional university in the Southeast due in large part to his wisdom and support.

Dr. Washburn and his family also have given of their time and resources on countless occasions to further the capital and scholarship efforts of the university. In 1996, NC Governor Jim Hunt was in attendance to participate in the naming of Washburn Hall on campus, a facility that was named for Dr. Washburn's family and their years of support to GWU.

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### **LEAVING A LEGACY: Close Friends Choose To Benefit GWU Through Estates**

Jim and Cleo Chadwell. Glenn and Ray Cornwell.

These two couples were the closest of friends for many years. And although neither had children, they adopted causes – one of which was students preparing for Christian ministry at Gardner-Webb. As active members of the Christian Service Organization at GWU during their lifetimes, these couples became so attached to what this organization sought to accomplish that they made provisions in their wills to provide scholarship support for needy and worthy students long after each couple had passed away.

Herman Best, a mutual friend who introduced the couples to the CSO, encourages everyone who is able to follow the example set by the Chadwells and Cornwells. If you would like more information about helping others through your estate, please contact David Boan, director of development for major gifts, at 704-406-3251 or complete the form at right and mail it to the address shown.

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## Bridges Says Coming Full Circle Back to GWU Never Felt So Right'

Meet John Bridges. Again.

He's been at Gardner-Webb before, but as a student. Graduating from GWU in 1977, he moved on to Southeastern Seminary for his Master of Divinity degree before embarking on a career in the pastorate that spanned four churches and 22 years. Now he's back.

Bridges' new position as of January 2004 is director of church relations at GWU. But it's incorrect, he says, to describe his recent move as a defection from his chosen career path. "I didn't leave the Church; I just went to another branch of it."

He goes on to say it was a "strong sense of calling" that brought him back to alma mater. "I've never felt more right about something."

Bridges quickly admits that he couldn't have taken this job fresh out of college. He is responsible for mobilizing the university's Ministerial Board of Associates, overseeing the Ministerial Referral Service that places divinity students with churches seeking ministers, and raising resources (mostly scholarship monies) for students who are pursuing careers in full-time Christian ministry.

"It took age and experience in the ministry to prepare me for this job," he says. "I see much more clearly having been on the other side of the fence. I am able to relate to pastors and churches and even students entering the ministry more than I would have if I had tried to do something like this out of college. This is just the next phase of my calling."

It's all about perspective, he says.

"Pastors are on the front lines. They are the lieutenants fighting the battles. I want to organize and offer any and all resources and support for them that I can. They need encouragement, because the way our denomination and church life in general have changed over the last few decades, they often feel alone and isolated. I want to be a part of

helping them."

Bridges says that help can come in a variety of forms, from helping churches hire qualified ministers to conducting workshops and seminars to provide assistance to local and regional congregations.

"Many of my pastoral skills translate nicely to this job. I enjoy developing relationships and I feel called to serve people."

And age, he admits, also has influenced his transition to the new job.

"As you get older, you begin to think about the legacy you will leave to the next generation. I'm seeing and doing things at GWU that make me feel as though I'm having an effect for years to come. For example, when you raise funds to endow a scholarship that will be given to ministerial students for as long as GWU exists, it's an awesome and exciting feeling."

Welcome back, John.



John Bridges '77 has an interesting way of describing his move from the pastorate to GWU's director of church relations: "I didn't leave the church; I just went to another branch of it."



Joy Low enjoys the preferred way of travel in Malaysia

### And He said to them, "Go into all the world..."

**Joy Low '96** has served full-time in missions since 1998. She practices the inductive method of teaching topics from the Bible, utilizing drama, music, evangelism tools and working through Bible schools. She spends much of her time training teachers to continue the inductive method of studying the Bible after she has left a location. Low has visited more than 30 countries on five continents during her work with missions, including Thailand, India, Mongolia, Hong Kong and now is located in Sweden. "I like the adventure and learning from a new culture," says Low. "I get excited when a truth becomes real to them and a life change occurs."

# She Races Through Life

Suzanne Clemmer, '01 ADN and '02 BSN graduate, is a nurse by profession, living in the town of Mount Holly, NC. When she's not helping others stay healthy, she's running ... the mile, 5K and 10K runs, relays and marathons.

Clemmer completed the Charlotte Observer's Marathon Run for Peace in Charlotte, NC, as the first female to cross the finish line, 22 minutes ahead of her nearest female competitor. Her posted time was 2:54:16. She placed 10th among all competitors. The race, held in January, was her seventh marathon and her second win. She won the Grandfather Mountain Marathon in 2002.

The Charlotte marathon is Clemmer's best recorded time to date. Winning the Charlotte marathon makes her eligible for the Boston Marathon. While she is not sure she will run in Boston, she would like to run in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC.

Clemmer's preparations before a marathon include pasta and bagels, increased water intake, juice, milk and Gatorade along with a balanced diet and more running. By December 2003, she had increased her running distance to covering almost 60 miles per week.

Helping others stay healthy is also important to Clemmer, who works as a nurse at East Gaston Family Physicians. When she began her studies at Gardner-Webb, she turned her desire into a profession. "I was trying to decide on a major, and when I realized my main interest was good health and nutrition, I decided to become a nurse," Clemmer told a reporter Jim Heffner of the Mount Holly News. "I want to help others stay healthy."

As she reflects back on the years spent studying at Gardner-Webb, she is thankful for her experience. "While at GWU, I learned that with prayer and much hard work, all things are possible."

Clemmer says that as a student in GWU's School of Nursing, one of her strongest memories is the way her professors cared for their students.

"One of the many great things GWU has to offer is great rapport among students and teachers. I always knew my professors were always available whenever I needed them. Every teacher I had always seemed to be willing to help whenever I had questions or needed advice or help with something I didn't quite understand."

Clemmer says that the Christian example of her professors is also an important aspect of the Gardner-Webb School of Nursing. "One example was having prayer before major exams that was often lead by our professors. My time spent at Gardner-Webb certainly left an impact that will last a lifetime."



**Clemmer**

# BIG MONEY! BIG MONEY!

## Grad Wins Nearly \$40k On "Wheel of Fortune"



Jeremy Berger appeared on the "Wheel of Fortune" game show in February. And although he amassed \$37,800 in winnings, he has no plans to embark on exotic trips or buy luxurious indulgences. "All I care to do is get out of debt," he said, which includes paying off his college loans from days as a student at Gardner-Webb, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in religion in 2001.

Approximately 3,000 people began the audition process in Charlotte, NC, for a spot on "Wheel of Fortune." Called to a second audition for the show, hopeful contestants played simulated games and completed tests, including word puzzles, during which they were asked to complete 16 puzzles in 3 minutes. This time, Berger made it to the top 50. Not being chosen at the audition, however, Berger did not expect the phone call he received asking him if he could appear in Hollywood two weeks from the date of the call. The game show did not cover travel expenses, but contestants are given a \$500.00 consolation prize if they do not win cash prizes.

Berger breezed through the puzzles during the nationally aired broadcast, leaving the other contestants with little chance to succeed.

"I saw Vanna White with no make-up on, wearing spandex and a sweat-shirt," Berger replied when asked what was memorable about the experience. "You wouldn't have expected to see her like that."

Berger had experience performing as Danny Zuko in "Grease" and in the roll of "Jesus" in GWU theater productions. He said, "So cameras and stuff were not really a big deal to me." A former appearance on "The Weakest Link" also helped Berger take this experience in stride.

(Special thanks to *The Shelby Star*, which contributed to this article.)

# CLASS NOTES

*'40s*

John Philip Lee '47 A.A. is retired from the N.C. DOT. He lives with his wife in Raleigh.

*'50s*

Bob Isner, former academic dean 1962-1966, received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the state's highest civilian honor, from N.C. Gov. Mike Easley. He has served as a professor at Wingate, president of Pineland College-Edwards Military Institute and president of Oak Hill Academy.

Gerald Triplett '65 A.A. would like to hear from classmates from 1965.  
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R. Wayne Troutman '66 A.A. was recently appointed by Governor Easley to the Urban Transportation Study Commission. He was also appointed to the Board of Trustees at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. He is the general manager of Troutman Motors, Inc. rtroutman@vnet.net

Linda Helen Beaver Norville '67 A.A. and Herman Bruce Norville, Sr. Linda works part-time as a registered nurse in long-term care. She also baby-sits her great niece and enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren: Hope, Dorby and Cody. Linda and Herman celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on March 30. Linda has worked in long-term care since 1980 holding various positions from staff nurse to supervisor. She was in the first nursing class to graduate from GW.

Joyce Webster Lynch '71 A.A. retired from Rutherford Hospital January 16, 2004, after working at the hospital for 30 years. She was the first nursing assistant to care for both African-American and Caucasian patients in

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the 1960s.

Dr. William Kreswell Neely '71 B.A. and Dr. Wanda Ellen Suddreth Neely '71 B.A. have moved to Greenville, NC, where he serves as the pastor/head of staff for First Presbyterian Church. Wanda is the temporary supply pastor for congregational life, Christian education and campus ministry. The couple also welcomed their first grandchild, Ellen Ann, on July 4th, 2003.

William Thomas Parker, III '72 B.A. and Susan Giles Parker '72 A.A. have been living in Wilmington, NC, for the past 17 years. Tom is chief deputy for the Sheriff's department, and Sue is an R.N. at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Their daughters, Betsy and Amy, live in Georgia and Illinois, respectively. Betsy is an athletic trainer, and Amy is a veterinary technician. Tom and Sue are both looking forward to retirement. Tparker12@ec.rr.com

Dr. Mike Matheny '73 B.A. retired January 1, 2004, as principal of West Middle School. He began his career as the band director of Burns High School and has worked in education for 30 years. He is working part-time as a program director with Radio.com, an Internet-only radio station.

Wayne Wike '75 B.A. is serving as the interim dean of the Wingate University Matthews Center. He has 25 years of professional and volunteer experience with institutions of Christian higher education. He served as the executive director of the Council on Higher Education for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina from 1998-2003.

Susan Jones '76 B.S. is now serving as the district manager of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation's Boone office. She joins the company from Wachovia, where she served as financial center manager. In her new position, she provides a front line role in member service and community involvement.

David Alton Williams '76 B.S. and Debbie Williams '76 B.S. live in Lady Lake, FL. They are employed as school teachers.

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LaCount Anderson '77 B.A. has answered a call to return to full-time Christian ministry. He has joined First Baptist Church of Smithton as pastor after a career in the insurance business.

Coleman Hughes Rimmer '77 B.A., see Cathy Coggins Rimmer '80 listing.

Kenneth L. Lewis '78 B.S. and Mary Abrams Lewis '81 B.S. Lewis is a county extension agent in Crisp County, GA. He has been awarded the Walter B. Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach, which is one of the highest honors given by the University of Georgia to public service faculty. He has also been promoted to senior public service associate, which is the highest rank attainable as a county agent in GA. He has received the county agent of the year award from the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association. Mary serves as a communications specialist for Cordele First Baptist Church.

Dana Dillon Walling '78 B.A. and Jeff Walling. Dana works at Laurelton School, an alternative school for teens with learning and behavior disabilities, as a teaching paraprofessional. She is also enrolled in New Jersey City University working on her masters in special education. Dana and Jeff have two children Christina (16) and Melissa (14). Dana and her girls attended GWU Homecoming 2003 with several other alumni. She would love to hear from other classmates. yes.freek@verizon.net

Darrell Brantley Bare '79 B.A. and Dawn Sisson Bare '80 B.A. Darrell has completed his chaplaincy training and is now recognized as a Board Certified Chaplain by the Association of Professional Chaplains. He has been a full-time employee of Watauga Medical Center since 2002. He received his certificate at the annual APC meeting in April. dbbdsb@boone.net

Kevin B. Moen '79 B.A. is serving as pastor of Bowling Green Baptist Church in Bowling Green, VA. afmdad@hotmail.com



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**Faye U. Nichols '79 B.A.** was awarded the Jim Reading Memorial Counselor of the Year Award given by Region I Alcohol and Drug Abuse Agencies on December 11, 2003. She is director of outpatient services at Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County, SC. She and her husband, Nick, live in Pickens and have two children, Lindsay (21) and Kevin (19). [fayeun@bellsouth.net](mailto:fayeun@bellsouth.net)

**Cathy Coggins Rimmer '80 B.A. and Coleman Hughes Rimmer, Jr. '77 B.A.** Cathy has been appointed to the national speaker's bureau for the American College of Surgeons/Commission on Cancer. She and Coleman are active members of Ardmore Baptist Church and have an 11-year-old son, Aaron. [ccrimmer@bellsouth.net](mailto:ccrimmer@bellsouth.net)

**Tammy Buck '81 B.A.** is the enrollment management director for Lenoir Community College. She has been chosen to participate in the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program, which will provide an opportunity for leadership training with an emphasis placed on the recruitment of women and minorities.

**Gene Evan Davis '81 B.A.** earned his M.Div. in 1988, from Mid-America Seminary in Memphis, TN. He serves as the pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Star, NC.

**Mary Abrams Lewis '81 B.S.** see Kenneth L. Lewis '78 listing.

**Sandra L. Hodge '82 A.A.** graduated from UNC-Charlotte in May 2003, with her M.S.N./M.H.A. degree. She is an assistant nurse manager at Gaston Memorial Hospital. [shodgel@bellsouth.net](mailto:shodgel@bellsouth.net)

**Hartwell Hoey '82 B.S.** was promoted to the position of assistant vice president with Wachovia Corp. He has worked for Wachovia since 1996. He and his wife live in Waco, NC.

**Ernest L. "Eddie" Johnson, III '83 B.S.** is the chief information officer for the N.C. Department of Justice. He lives in Durham, NC. with daughter, Holli Marie (15) and son, Jack Lawrence (4). [ejohnson@ncdoj.com](mailto:ejohnson@ncdoj.com)

**Mark Raymond Norton '84 B.A.** now lives in Gastonia with his second wife, Crystal. They have been married for two years. He works for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and would love to hear updates from his fellow classmates. [tron13@bellsouth.net](mailto:tron13@bellsouth.net)

**Lisa Ann Scronce '84 B.S.** and Michael Glenn Stroupe were married in December 6, 2003, at Penelope Baptist Church. Lisa is a

kindergarten teacher at Mull Elementary School. Michael is a capital projects supervisor for Burke County Schools. The couple resides in Hildebran, NC.

**Jean Young '84 B.S.** has been named the director of Rowan Regional Medical Center's Outpatient Surgery Center. She has 15 years of nursing experience and is certified in perioperative and trauma nursing. She is a member of the Association of Operating Room Nurses.

**Sylvia White '84 B.S.** has been named principal of Newton-Conover Middle School, leaving her previous position of assistant principal of Newton-Conover High School. She has worked within the school system for 20 years serving as a physical education teacher, women's basketball coach and career development counselor.

**Lisa Carol Abernathy '85 B.A.** has moved to Statesville with her position as Director of Information with the North Carolina State Grange. She has been working with the State Grange for nearly six years. In her position, she maintains the Grange website and bimonthly newsletter, Grange News. [lcabernathy@ncgrange.com](mailto:lcabernathy@ncgrange.com)

**Scott Sherrill '85 B.S.** was selected as the football coach of the East/West Shriners All Star Game. He has completed his second season as the head football coach at New Lake Norman High School in Mooresville after leaving his position at North Mecklenburg High School. [ssherrill@iss.k12.nc.us](mailto:ssherrill@iss.k12.nc.us)

**Gaye Whitener Watts '85 B.S.** is serving as finance director for Sandy Lyons, Republican candidate for Congress. She has 25 years of campaign experience having served as Cass Ballenger's campaign director. She is also vice president of the Jacobs Fork Middle School PTO and treasurer of the Catawba Valley Aquatics Club. Gaye teaches Sunday School, sings in the choir and plays in the handbell choir at Providence Baptist Church.

**Wendy Dill-Grace '86 B.S.** is a financial specialist for Wachovia Bank. She lives in Fayetteville, NC.

**Paul Haden Justice, III '86 B.S. and Penny Parker Justice '87 B.A.** Penny has earned her master of education from Converse College. The Justices have three children: Haden (14), Hunter (11) and Ashley (10). Penny is a stay-at-home mom, Paul is the vice president of Bonitz Construction. [plpj@charter.net](mailto:plpj@charter.net)

**Jeffrey Keith Melton '87 B.A.** has been working as an independent insurance representative since 2001, after working in retail management in Atlanta. He and Arleen have been married since November 1994. Jeff would love to hear from former classmates. [jkmelton45@hotmail.com](mailto:jkmelton45@hotmail.com)

**Phillip W. Poston '87 B.S.** has been admitted to ownership in Craig and Barry, P.A., Certified Public Accountants. He was previously employed as senior client services manager for three years. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants. He is a member of the Shelby Civitan Club and a member of the Board of Directors and chairman of the financial committee of Cleveland Home Health Agency.

**Scott Pearson Stewart '87 B.S.** has been inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society for Collegiate Schools of Business and Upsilon Pi Epsilon International Honor Society for the computing and information disciplines. He graduated from UNC-Greensboro with an M.S. in information systems and operations management. [sstewart2@triad.rr.com](mailto:sstewart2@triad.rr.com)

**Melissa Richardson-Hohmann, M.D. '88 B.S.** and Paul Hohmann are the proud parents of Tyler Joseph, born December 28, 2003, and adopted on January 5, 2004. [beachbums@nctv.com](mailto:beachbums@nctv.com)

**Sue Wilhelm Lanier '88 B.S.** and Barry Lanier are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Lily Elise, born on February 4, 2004. [SueLanier@triad.rr.com](mailto:SueLanier@triad.rr.com)

**Ann Allen '90 B.S.N.** has been selected as an examiner for the N.C. Awards for Excellence Program. The program is a cooperative industry, academic and government initiative to improve organizational competitiveness. Ann is the director of performance improvement and risk management at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.

**William Allison '90 B.S.** serves in management for Power Net Gobel. He and his wife, Julie, live in Lawrenceburg, IN. [wallison@pngmail.com](mailto:wallison@pngmail.com)

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**Wendy Karen Propst Mortarino '90 B.S.** and Enrico Mortarino are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Carmen Giuliana, born December 24, 2003. wendymor@yahoo.com

**Francisco Carnillo '91 B.S.** opened his own office as an independent investment advisor representative in Charlotte in January 2004. CarrilloF@financialnetwork.com

**Lori Mauney Graham '91 B.S.** and Bobby Graham are celebrating the birth of their son, Thomas Keegan, born September 16, 2003.

**Robert S. Harrelson '91 B.S.** see Tracy L. Jezierski Harrelson '92 listing.

**Kim James Chalmers '92 B.S.** and Anthony Chalmers opened their own business, Sub Station II, in November. The couple resides in Greenwood, SC. kjchalmers@yahoo.com

**Tracy L. Jezierski Harrelson '92 B.S.** and **Robert S. Harrelson '91 B.S.** Tracy was offered a commission as a Bio Science Officer in the U.S. Air Force and graduated from officer training on March 10. She is stationed at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, DC. Robert is a vocalist in the U.S. Air Force.

**Suzanne Brown Loftin '92 B.S.** and Eric Loftin welcomed their second child, Mattie Grace, on July 10, 2003. Mattie Grace joins older brother, Luke (4).

**Lynn Rape '92 B.A.** is serving as the assistant director of nursing on third shift for Rutherford Hospital. She has been employed at the hospital since 1994, and is a member of Adaville Baptist Church.

**Dickie Spargo '92 B.S.** received the 2004 Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award on January 13, 2004, sponsored by Community Spirit USA. The award recognizes individuals who display a commitment to God, family and community. Dickie is senior pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church. He and wife, Tammy, have three children.

**Christopher L. Welch '92 B.S.** is working in homeland security for Bank of America. christopher.welch@bankofamerica.com

**Mark David Ackerman '93 B.S.** and **Jennifer Kristen Ackerman '97 B.A.**

announce the birth of twin girls, Julia Grace and Rebecca Joy, on November 21, 2003. mdjkackerman@aol.com

**Casey M. Cooper '93 B.S.N.** was unanimously selected as chief executive officer of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority by the governing board. For the past five years, Casey served as the executive director of the Eastern Band's Health and Medical Division. He is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band.

**Michelle Clary Mullis '93 A.D.N.** and husband announce the birth of their fourth child, Kylee Michelle, born on March 13, 2003. She joins siblings McKayla (8), Wesley (6) and Matthew (2).

**Jeffrey Mark Rape '93 B.S.**, see Christina Hess Rape '94 listing.

**Cynthia Stanback '93 B.S.** has been hired as the facility director for Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center in Concord, NC. The announcement was made by the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Secretary George Sweat. Cynthia has more than 20 years of experience working with at-risk youth. She previously worked as the facilities director for Richmond Juvenile Detention Center.

**Laura Turner '93 B.A.** and **Jonathan Turner '93 B.A.** are the proud parents of twin girls, Cadee and Carrie, born April 2, 2003. The twins have an older brother, Corey, who is four. musicman362@ctc.net

**Amy Reynolds Bottomley '94 B.S.** and Dr. Tracy Wayne Bottomley announce the birth of twins, Luke William and Matthew Eli, born March 20, 2003. They have a three-year-old brother, Jonah.

**Cheryl Lynn Bowling '94 B.S.** worked for Rehabilitation Sports Medicine as a rehabilitations specialist until, Morgan Mae, her first daughter was born in August 2000. Her second daughter, Katie was born in November 2001. Cheryl married Kurt Edward in 1998. cj5jeep76@carolina.rr.com

**Cary D. Bowman '94 B.S.** has returned home from Iraq after serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is an Army National Guard Captain. He has 20 years of service and is assigned to the 139th Rear Operation Center, Mooresville, NC.

**Teresa Mayer Harris '94 B.S.** opened Carolina Basket Creations, LLC in May of 2001. The company is a full service gift

basket company offering unique and creatively designed baskets for all occasions. teresa@carolinabasketcreations.com

**Pamela Price Mitchem '94 B.S.** and **Gary Todd Mitchem '95 B.A.** Pamela was recently appointed instructor by Appalachian State University. As a member of the library faculty, she will continue her work in the archives. Gary has been promoted to acquisitions editor with McFarland and Company, a scholarly book publisher in Jefferson, NC. The couple is expecting their first child in July. gmitchem@skybest.com

**Christina Hess Rape '94 B.S.** and **Jeffrey Mark Rape '93 B.S.** Christina is a school counselor for Union County Public Schools. Jeffrey works in sales with PPC. They live in Monroe, NC. chrissy.rape@ucps.k12.nc.us

**Cynthia L. Sheley '94 B.S.** and Brad Sheley welcomed Braden Scott, born September 20, 2003, to their family. He joins older sister, Emma Kathleen, who is four years old. Cynthia is a stay-at-home mom and owns and operates her own custom home décor company. cynthiasheley@yahoo.com

**Donna Bowen '95 A.D.N.** is enrolled in the B.S.N. program at GWU. Her husband, James, is also pursuing a degree in nursing at GWU. They have two high school children, Brittany and Josh, and a two-year-old, Miranda.

**Jeffrey Kyle Dean '95 B.A.** and Jennifer "Courtney" Dean announce the birth of their first child, Ruthie Alice, born on February 13, 2004.

**Lori Evatt '95 B.S.** earned national board certification after spending 1200 hours working on her portfolio and taking a series of six exams. She is a second grade teacher at Grover Elementary.

**Kristie Elaine Parker Graham '95 B.S.** and David Arthur Graham announce the birth of their second child, Dawson Andrew, February 23, 2004. Dawson joined 22-month old brother, Parker Ray. The Grahams live in Yadkinville, NC, where Kristie is deputy clerk of Superior Court for Yadkin County.

**Angela Krol '95 B.S.** is serving as branch manager of First Bank's Eastgate office in Albemarle. She is a member of Main Street United Methodist Church.

**Gary Todd Mitchem '95 B.A.** see Pamela Price Mitchem '94 listing.

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Christopher Lee McKeaver '95 B.S., see Pamela Whitaker McKeaver '99 M.A. listing.

Greg Gibson '96 B.S. is serving as the chief of police for the Town of Yanceyville. He has trained at the FBI National Academy, has 18 years experience in law enforcement and has served as administrative captain and interim chief. He has also served with the International Police Task Force in Kosovo and Fort Worth, TX.

Natalie Beam Holsten '96 B.A. and David Holsten announce the birth of their third child, Luke David, born on November 29, 2003, in Singapore. He joins older brother, Carter (6) and sister, Grace (4). The Holsten family is living in Indonesia on the island of Borneo working as missionaries with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Jennifer Kristen Ackerman '97 B.A., see Mark David Ackerman '93 listing.

Tammy Blanton Childress '97 B.S. and Joseph Childress announce the birth of their second child, Jenna Elise born October 23, 2003. Jenna has an older sister, Jada Taylor, age three. [Childresstb@ncfbins.com](mailto:Childresstb@ncfbins.com)

Christopher "Dirt" Davis '97 B.S. and Misty Nicole Reavis Davis '98 B.S. announce the birth of their first child, Leah Hope, born October 22, 2003. [lucymudd@msn.com](mailto:lucymudd@msn.com)

Charles Jason Farr '97 B.A. see Jennifer Satterfield Farr '98 listing.

Ginger Blair Ford '97 B.S. and John Clinton Ford '97 B.S. are proud parents of Jonathan Blair, born February 5, 2004.

Jeanna Carrie Ford Read '97 B.S. and Pat Read announce the birth of their first child, Cassie Rose, born September 15, 2003. [pread@psknet.com](mailto:pread@psknet.com)

Contee Sarratt '97 B.S. has graduated from the Timken Company's apprenticeship program at the Gaffney Bearing Plant. He completed classroom study at Spartanburg Technical College and on the job training.

Misty Nicole Reavis Davis '98 B.S. see Christopher "Dirt" Davis '97 listing.

Linda Gant Earp '98 B.S. has accepted the position as director of the Summer Program for Exceptional Children in Wilkes County. She has been a teacher in the program for 14 years.

Gretchen Smith Eudy '98 A.D.N. and Josh

Eudy announce the birth of their first child, Allison Joy, on October 20, 2003. Gretchen is an O.B. nurse at CMC-University Hospital. Josh works with Family Pharmacy of Statesville, N.C. as VP of operations. [gretcheneudy@carolina.rr.com](mailto:gretcheneudy@carolina.rr.com)

Jennifer Satterfield Farr '98 B.S. and Charles Jason Farr '97 B.A. announce that Jennifer obtained her National Board Teacher Certification in November 2003. She was also named 2004 runner-up teacher of the year for Taylor's Elementary School. She is a cooperating teacher with Bob Jones University and is supervising a student-teacher. She also serves as part-time Children's Minister for Victor Baptist Church in Greer, SC. [jenniferrfarr@charter.net](mailto:jenniferrfarr@charter.net)

Trey Greene '98 B.S. see Nicole Setzer Greene '00 listing.

Allison Danielle Marano '98 B.S. and Anthony Marano announce the birth of their daughter, Payton Danielle, born February 18, 2004. [Allisonn12@aol.com](mailto>Allisonn12@aol.com)

Beverly Denise McIntyre '98 B.S. and Brian Lee Lassiter were married on December 4, 2003. She is a teacher at Candor Elementary School. He is employed as an LP gas technician. The couple resides in Troy, NC.

Christina Suzanne White '98 B.A. and Jason Thomas Powell were married on October 11, 2003. Christina is a social worker for mental health in Chapel Hill. Jason is an art director for Sign Source South of Winston-Salem, NC. The couple resides in Greensboro, NC.

Jennifer L. York '98 B.S. announces the birth of a daughter, Hannah Marie, on October 7, 2003. Hannah has an older brother, Michael Kevin, who is two. Both Jennifer and husband Kevin serve as teachers with Iredell-Statesville Schools, and Kevin was honored as the teacher of the year. He also serves as a youth minister.

Jeremy Keith Brackett '99 B.S. and Jennifer Lynn Eddinger were married on December 6, 2003. Jeremy is working with Motor Racing Outreach Fitness Rehab Center. Jennifer is employed in the emergency room at CMC-University in Charlotte.

Tonya Dupree '99 B.S. and Tim Dupree '99 B.S. Tonya is a bank officer with Bank One. Tim is the senior manager of global sales for Kelly Services. They have a two-year old son, Jackson. The family lives in Michigan.

Shawn Montgomery '99 B.A. and Chenoa

Montgomery announce the birth of their first child, Thomas Brady, born November 18, 2003. [scmontgomery@pshnet.com](mailto:scmontgomery@pshnet.com)

Jennifer Phillips '99 B.S. announces the birth of twin daughters, Chloe Marie and Bridget Alexandra, born January 12, 2004.

Rebecca Reames '99 B.S. and Thomas Jacob Love were married on November 22, 2003, in Stanfield, NC. Rebecca is an agency operations specialist for SJA Agency, and Thomas is a welder for the McGee Corporation. The couple resides in Midland, NC. [rreames1999@hotmail.com](mailto:rreames1999@hotmail.com)

Kara Elayne Reavis '99 B.A. and Brian Davis Wooten were married on September 20, 2003, at Mineral Springs Baptist Church. The couple is employed by Yadkin County Schools and resides in East Bend, NC.

Matthew Sorrells '99 B.S. and Trisha Sorrells '01 B.S.N. Matt works as a banker at National City Bank and Trisha is an RN with Community Hospital. The couple resides in Knightstown, IN. [sorrellsmatt@yahoo.com](mailto:sorrellsmatt@yahoo.com)

Kevin A. York '99 B.S., see Jennifer L. York '98 listing.

Jaime Michael Boyles '00 B.S. is teaching at West Lincolnton High School. She just finished building her first house. [jaime\\_boyles@hotmail.com](mailto:jaime_boyles@hotmail.com)

April Yvette Collins '00 B.A. is a residential teacher at the SC School for the Deaf and Blind.

Lori Gilbert Dotson '00 B.S. and Chad Dotson are proud parents of Lauren Allison, born February 1, 2004.

Nicole Setzer Greene '00 B.S. and Trey Greene '98 B.S. are proud parents of Madison Cole, born January 20, 2004.

Amy Pardue '00 B.S. has been appointed Alleghany County's first combination planner and recreation director. In this position, she is responsible for all of Alleghany County's public recreation areas, as well as operations and maintenance of the fairgrounds and soliciting funds to help local non-profits.

Kristin M. Parrott '00 B.A. announces the

birth of Taylor Elizabeth Parrott-Riddle born February 3, 2004.  
blueparrots@hotmail.com

**Crystal Perry '00 B.S.** and Ellis Atkins were married on October 11, 2003, at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Crystal is working as an inventory control manager for JR Discount Outlet while working on her M.B.A. at GWU. Atkins is a sergeant with the U.S. Army and is deployed in Iraq. The couple resides in Statesville, NC.

**Jason David Pilkington '00 B.S.** is working as the adult high school instructor/minor coordinator for Wilkes Community College.

**Charles Anthony Smith, Jr. '00 B.A.** and Samantha Renee Bonk were married on May 17, 2003, at the Central Church of God. Andy is an associate pastor at Calvary Baptist Church. Samantha is employed as a sales assistant at Wachovia Mortgage Corporation. The couple is residing in Indian Trail, NC.

**Christy Gregory Trouille '00 B.S.** and Corey Matthew Trouille are the proud parents of Marcee Noelle, born on September 6, 2003. christy\_trouille@yahoo.com

**Andrea R. Burton Bailey '01 B.S.** and **Charles "Andrew" Bailey '02 B.S.** were married on August 10, 2002, at Malibu Presbyterian Church in Malibu, CA. Andrea works with families with children birth to three who have been diagnosed with developmental delays to help them obtain specialized services. Andrew has been working for Eckerd's for nearly one-year and is in the process of being promoted to store manager in the Spartanburg Regional District.

**Jessica Hames Butler '01 B.S.** and Travis Butler announce the birth of their first child, Carolyne Reece, born May 29, 2003. jbutler@ccss.k12.nc.us

**James D. Grindstaff '01 B.S.** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, KY.

**Matt Hudler '01** and **Amber Hudler '02** announce the birth of their first child, Addison Lee, born April 14, 2004. Matt is employed by Magellan Midstream. Amber is a stay-at-home mom.

**Alicia Jennings '01 B.S.** graduated from basic military at Lackland Air Force Base in

the fall of 2003.

**Melissa Anne Parker '01 B.S.** and Kevin Michael Lark were married December 1, 2003. She is a requirements engineer with QS1 Data Systems. He works at Bank of Travelers Rest. They reside in Greer, SC.

**Trisha Sorrells '01 B.S.N.**, see **Matthew Sorrells '99** listing.

**Charles "Andrew" Bailey '02 B.S.**, see **Andrea R. Burton Bailey '01** listing.

**Angela Nicole Bates '02 B.S.** and Lance Montgomery Huss were married on December 6, 2003. Lance is a graduate of Montreat College and works as a wildlife enforcement officer with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. The couple resides in Jacksonville, NC.

**Candace Faith Grant '02 A.D.N.** and Joseph Buron Ledbetter were married on November 29, 2003, at Stoney Mountain Baptist Church. She is pursuing her B.S.N. and works as a registered nurse at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. He is a teacher at Burns Middle School and is working towards certification in special education.

**Laura Beth Knox '02 B.S.N.** and Ezequiel Jaramillo. She is employed by Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. He is a Sergeant of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division. The couple resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

**Dayna Michelle Puryear '02 B.A.** and Kevin Kenard Wade were married on November 8, 2003, at Benbow Chapel AME Zion Church. She works for the Winston-Salem police department. He has served in the Marine Corps and is a corporal with the Winston-Salem police department.

**Kristin Rudasill '02 B.S.** and **John Courtney Greene '03 B.A.** were married on January 10, 2004. John is the director of youth ministries at Spindale United Methodist Church. Kristin is the executive director of the Pregnancy Support Center for Rowan County. The couple resides in Salisbury, NC.

**Elizabeth "Liz" Thrasher '02 B.S.** graduated from the University of Kentucky with a master of science in physician assistant studies on May 8, 2004. She finishes her clinicals in July. Erthra2@ky.edu

**Joy Nicole Blanton '03 A.A.** and **Roger Dale Bowen** were married on January 10, 2004. She is employed by Cleveland Regional Medical Center. He is self-employed. The

couple resides in Grover.

**Brenda Alice Gwyn '03 A.D.N.** and Roberto Figueroa Almanza were married September 27, 2003, at Mount Airy Elks Lodge. Brenda is a nurse at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Roberto is employed as a knitter with Cross Creek Apparel. The couple resides in Mount Airy, NC.

**Kasey Hamrick '03 B.S.** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. During the training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

**Kristi Huggins Matteson '03 B.S.** announces her son, Daniel Rimmer, left for the army in March. He joined the army as a Calvary Scout. After training at Fort Knox, he will be stationed at Fort Hood, TX. Kristi requests prayer for her son and all U.S. troops. kmatteson@carolina.rr.com

**Elizabeth H. Parham '03 B.A.** is working on her M.A. in professional communication at Clemson University. She is also the graduate research assistant in the Center for Collaborative Research at Clemson. She plans to continue her education and pursue a Ph.D. in rhetoric and composition. ehparha@clemson.edu

**Shannon Marie Sheppard '03 B.S.** has been accepted into the Master of Entrepreneurship program at Western Carolina University for the fall semester. shanshep@hotmail.com

**Heather Starnes '03 B.S.N.** and **Richard Jackson** were married on October 18, 2003, at Sandy Ridge Baptist Church. She is employed by Union Regional Medical Center. He is employed by Union Emergency medical Service. The couple is resides in Monroe, NC.

**Samantha Staton '03 B.A.** won first place in the Heafner/Williams Vocal Competition at the Lincoln Cultural Center on March 14, 2004. She is a member of Opera Carolina and teaches as an adjunct instructor of voice at GWU.

**Matt Tiller '03 B.S.** married Adriana Corrales upon graduation. Matt is a Spanish teacher at Burns Middle School. The couple serves as the youth pastors of Betania, the First Baptist Hispanic Church in Shelby, NC. nana\_y\_matt@yahoo.com

Katrina Rena Zaleski '03 B.S. and Tor Michael Zaleski were married December 24, 2003. Katrina is an A.S.L. teacher for Williamsburg Schools. She also coaches softball for Lafayette High School. Tor is a severe special education teacher for Gloucester County Schools.  
zaleskik@wjcc.k12.va.us.

Audrey Hubbard '04 B.S. is working as a staff accountant at Marley Engineered Products in Bennettsville, NC.

Shari Russell '87 M.A. and Tim Wilkins were married on October 11, 2003, at the Magnolia Inn in Pinehurst. She is an English teacher at Union Pines High School. He is a staff writer for the Robesonian. The couple resides in Southern Pines, NC.

Janice Hammett Baynard '98 M.A. is the assistant principal at Forrest W. Hunt Elementary School in Forest City, NC. She taught for 15 years at Harris Elementary School. jbaynard@rutherford.k12.nc.us

Janie Franklin '99 M.Div. works as a bereavement coordinator for Hospice of Madison. She has been working for Hospice since 1987 where she did medical social work and bereavement counseling.

Pamela Whitaker McKeaver '99 M.A. and Christopher Lee McKeaver '95 B.S. announce the birth of their second child, Carrie Denise, born May 12, 2003. They also have a two-year-old daughter, Sydney Leigh.

## From The Web Magazine Staff:

### ALUMNI, DON'T FORGET ...

you can submit a class note online at  
<http://www.gardner-webb.edu/alumni/classnote.shtml>

Also, you can submit a photo for the class notes section as well. Send us a 300 resolution JPEG image to [mwebber@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:mwebber@gardner-webb.edu) (but don't forget to identify your name and class year).

Susan Blackburn '00 M.A. has been appointed principal of West Wilkes Middle School. She has served as the school's assistant principal since 2002.

Kamie Champion '00 M.A. earned national board certification after spending 1,200 hours building her portfolio and taking a series of six exams. She works at Kings Mountain High School.

Debbie Hicks '00 M.A. has earned her National Board Certification. In 2000, she was selected as the White Plains Teacher of the Year. She teaches second grade at White Plains Elementary School.

Ginger Jackson '00 M.A. and Kendell Jackson announce the newest addition to their family, Landon Dwayne, born April 12, 2003. He joins proud big sister, Kenley.

Michael David Lott '00 M.B.A. works in medical sales at Kendall Healthcare.

John Austin Panther '00 M.B.A. and Jennifer Dawn Phillips were married on December 4, 2003. John is a product engineer for Honeywell. Jennifer is employed with the Law Office of Dana Wilkinson. The couple resides in Shelby.

Brad Phillip Dancy '03 M.B.A. and Renee Leigh McCarter were married in January 2004. Brad is an assistant accountant manager at PET Dairy in Hickory. Renee is an instructor of geology at Appalachian State University. The couple resides in Conover.

H. Keith Overcash '03 M.A. is serving as principal of South Davidson High School. He has been teaching since 1978.

Stephen Eugene Lane M.A. earned his doctorate of education from UNC-Greensboro on May 16, 2003.

### TRAVEL ...



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[nbottoms@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:nbottoms@gardner-webb.edu)

# Deaths

**Thelma Lorena Michael Adams '20 A.A.** died at the age of 101, on November 11, 2003. She began her career in education and during WWII worked for the U.S. Bureau of Personnel. She remained with the Navy for 20 years before working for the states of NC and FL. Thelma is survived by one son, two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**Robert Z. Falls '31 A.A.** died December 23, 2003. He served nine terms in the 40th District of the State House of Representatives starting in 1965. He was a member of the Shelby Rotary Club, Shelby Chamber of Commerce and the Cleveland County Agricultural Commission. He worked as a farmer and his proudest accomplishment was the passing of the farmland use taxation bill. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

**James D. Callahan '36** died on January 1, 2004. He was retired personnel manager and director for Milliken and Company. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Union. He is survived by two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and four sisters.

**Robert Long '37 A.A.** died September 2003. He served as principal of Berlin High School in Berlin, CT, from 1952 to 1976 and was the director of instruction for Berlin schools from 1977 to 1979. He served on President Nixon's Advisory Council for Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. He was president of the Connecticut Association of Secondary School Principals. Robert held undergraduate and graduate degrees from Appalachian State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut.

**Doris Dycus '39 A.A.** died November 6, 2003. She was an employee of H & R Block and a member of Walls Baptist Church. She is survived by one son, three daughters, one brother, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Martha Greene '39 A.A.** died December 18, 2003. She spent her career as an elementary school teacher and was a lifelong member of Hopewell United Methodist Church, where she was organist for 50 years. She is survived by two daughters, three brothers, a brother-in-law, several nieces and nephews.

**Louise McBrayer '39 A.A.** died December 7, 2003. She retired as a teller from First National Bank after thirty years of service and was a member of First Baptist Church, Shelby, NC. She is survived by her husband, a son, a daughter, two sisters, one

grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

**Rev. Dr. Joe Jasper Bridges '40** died December 5, 2003. He pastored several Baptist churches during his career and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Masons and a member of American Legion. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, one son, an adopted daughter, a brother and two grandsons.

**Grover C. Taylor '48 A.A.** died March 17, 2004. He was a World War II veteran of Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Normandy. He also received the Purple Heart. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Maiden and was a lifetime member of the American Legion Maiden Post. He is survived by three sons, one daughter, two brothers, one sister and seven grandchildren.

**James Robert Whitaker '48 A.A.** died March 14, 2004. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a retired employee of Duke Power. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter-in-law, two sisters, one brother, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

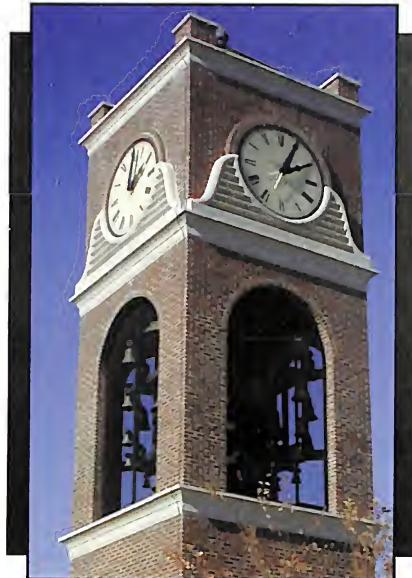
**Geddes Lee Swofford '55 A.A.** died January 26, 2004, after a long battle with cancer. He was a retired employee of Draper Corp. and was a Mason having served as past Master, Secretary, and District Deputy Grand Master of the 21st Masonic District. He was a member of First Baptist Church Cowpens, where he was a former Sunday School teacher, deacon and usher. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, four grandchildren, sister and mother-in-law.

**Bobby F. Hendrick '59 A.A.** died November 29, 2003. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in the Korean Conflict. His career included accounting, field consultant and real estate broker. He is survived by his wife and two children.

**Maurice Flynn Nanney '60 A.A.** died October 22, 2003, after an 11-year battle with cancer. He was owner and president of Haney Co., Inc. in Glencoe, AL. He is survived by his wife, a son, two daughters, a brother, a sister, seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**Nancy Linnens '71 B.S.** died February 7, 2004. She taught for 30 years with the Cleveland County School System at Washington and Fallston Elementary. She is survived by two brothers, two sisters-in-law, one nephew, one great nephew and a great niece.

**Marsha Gurley Hayes '72 B.A.** died February 19, 2004. She taught school for 32 years and was employed as a psychology teacher at Cherryville High School before her death. She is survived by her husband,



one son, a daughter and son-in-law, two grandchildren, a sister, several in-laws, a niece and a nephew.

**Capt. William Lawrence Mauney, Jr. '73 B.S.** died March 13, 2004. He started his military service in the U.S. Army and earned the Vietnam Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal. He was also commissioned into the U.S. Air Force, where he served until his retirement in 1990. He was a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife, daughter, mother, brother, sister and three nieces.

**Rev. Ronald M. Kiser '77 B.A.** died January 28, 2004. He earned his M.Div. from Southeastern Baptist Seminary and pastored at several Baptist churches. After retiring from the pastorate in 1997, he served as an associate to the Buncombe Baptist Association. In 2001, he became the director of missions for the association. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, one son, two grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers.

**Charles B. Craig '82 B.A.** died March 12, 2004. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran with over 21 years of service. He served as both band master and held the rank of master sergeant. In addition, he served as a music minister in several Baptist churches. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and son-in-law, a son, several grandsons, a sister, three brothers and a sister-in-law.

**Melissa Gwen Herndon Laws '91 M.A.** died February 3, 2004, after a year-long battle with cancer. She was a national board certification teacher and was teacher of the year at Piney Grove Elementary School. She is survived by her husband, son, mother, step-father, two sisters, a brother, father, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, five nieces and two nephews.

**Justin Scot Alston '03 B.S.** died January 17,

2004. He was enrolled in the graduate program at High Point University having completed one semester. He was an avid sports fan and had served as a coach, umpire and referee. Justin was as a volunteer member of the UNC-Greensboro men's basketball coaching staff. His dream was to become a college basketball coach. In 2002, he was honored by WYMY-TV's "2 Those Who Care," recognizing Justin for his outstanding volunteer and community service. He was active at GWU serving with the Student Alumni Council, the Math Club, the Sport Management Club, basketball team manager, intramural basketball coach, commuter committee chairman and math tutor. He was the 2001 Homecoming King and received the Future Alumnus of the Year Award in 2003. He is survived by his mother, Gloria Alston; maternal grandfather and step-grandmother, Edmund S. and Marie Maleski; aunts, Ruth A. Forrest, Cheryl M. Bridwell, and Jeanne M. Atkinson; and one uncle, Arville B. Alston.

Several student awards have been named in memory of Justin at GWU and a scholarship fund has been established in his honor.

**Robert N. Elliott, Jr.**, former GWU faculty member, died December 12, 2004, following a stroke. He was a faculty member at GWU between 1953-1956. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force with the First Motion Picture Division as a camera operator. He received his Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill and was the author of the Raleigh Register 1799-1863. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, a sister, a brother and a son.

**Dr. William C. Hayes**, former member of GWU Board of Advisors, died January 19, 2004. He had a general medical practice in Wilkesboro from 1949-1988. He served in the Air Force Medical Corps from 1954-1956. He was a member of the American Medical Association, N.C. Medical Society and Wilkes

County Medical Society. He also served on numerous community boards and organizations. In addition, Dr. Hayes was involved in beef cattle farming for more than 40 years. He was a member of Wilkesboro Baptist Church. Dr. Hayes is survived by his wife, one daughter, three sons and five grandchildren.

**Mae Mason**, retired GWU employee, died March 10, 2004. She was a member of Maple Springs Baptist Church. She is survived by her mother, husband, two sons, three daughters, three brothers, three sisters, 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Paul Marcus Noell**, former GWU faculty member, died February 29, 2004. He taught as a college professor for many years and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

## Remembering Eugene Poston

Gardner-Webb with great sadness this past year mourned the passing of its eighth president, Dr. E. Eugene Poston. He was 85 years old. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Anthony

Poston, five children and seven grandchildren.

Poston grew up on a farm in Cleveland County. As a boy, he was active in the Boy Scouts of America. Poston and his four brothers became the first set of brothers in the nation to earn the Eagle Scout rank.

Poston started working 12-hour days at Esther Mill and dropped out of school in the eighth grade. Miss Gertrude Taylor, Poston's math teacher, encouraged him to go back to school because she saw potential in him. He went back to school when he was 19 years old.

He didn't stop until he earned degrees from Gardner-Webb, Wake Forest University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where he earned his bachelor and master's degrees in divinity and his doctorate in philosophy. While attending Wake Forest, he served as pastor at Rock Springs Baptist Church in Louisburg and Wise Baptist Church in Wise.

Poston also served as pastor at Monterey Baptist Church in Monterey, Ky., Elk Lick Baptist Church in New, Ky., and Dallasburg Baptist Church in Wheatley, Ky. He returned to North Carolina to serve at First Baptist Church in Wallace for seven years. While in Wallace, he organized a mission near Wallace in Tin City, which was later named Poston Baptist Church. He was then called to serve at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ga., for two years. He returned to Gardner-Webb in 1959 and served as chairman of the Department of Religion, where he taught Greek and religion until he became president in 1961.

He was a 50-year Mason and Shriner and received the Paul Harris Medal from Rotary International and the Silver Beaver Award from Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of Dover Baptist Church, where he was ordained.

Dr. Poston served Gardner-Webb as president from 1961-1976. Upon his announcement as president, he declared that the next decade would become the "Decade of Advance." It was under Dr. Poston's leadership that tremendous strides were made in all phases of campus life (*see list at right*).



- Enrollment more than doubled, and the number of faculty nearly tripled;

- Major capital improvement campaigns were completed for: Spangler, Myers, Mauney, Nanney and Lutz-Yelton dormitories; the Charles I. Dover Campus Center; Spangler Stadium; Hamrick Fieldhouse; Nanney Baseball Field; John R. Dover Sr. Library; John R. Dover Jr. Chapel; and Lindsey Classroom Building;

- The Church Annex and Craig Classroom buildings were renovated, and the Webb Administration Building was doubled in size;

- Land acquisitions doubled the size of campus;

- A two-year nursing studies program was initiated, and the college began a data processing and computer science program;

- The Board of Advisors and the Ministerial Board of Associates were organized.

For his accomplishments Dr. Poston was named President Emeritus at Gardner Webb University in 1994. He is the only former president to hold this distinction at Gardner-Webb.

# MEMORY LANE: *Classes of '54 and '55 Celebrate*

by Amanda Wood

On April 16 and 17, Gardner-Webb's Office of Alumni Relations invited members of the classes of 1954 and 1955 back to campus to celebrate their 50-year class reunion.

According to co-chair of the 50th Class Reunion Planning Committee Betty Knox, the reunion provided class members an opportunity to reconnect with their past and renew friendships with their classmates.

"When you arrive together it is as though the clock whirls backward 50 years, and you are the people you were back then," Knox said. "It's a time clock, and you go backwards instead of forwards instantaneously as you look at each other."

The reunion began with lunch and a social in Ritch Banquet Hall on April 16, when former students, including co-chairs Knox and Richard Plyler, gathered to share their memories.

"I came here with \$20 in my pocket," Plyler said. "The total cost for the spring semester of 1954 was \$412. I worked it all off at 35 cents per hour except for \$12." Plyler found a summer job and used his first paycheck to pay the remainder of his tuition and receive his grades.

Plyler was sophomore class president and a member of the student council during his last year at GWC. "I shall always be grateful for my experience at Gardner-Webb," Plyler said.

Daphne Randolph Bridges, who also attended the social, shared with friends the story of how she met her husband, Charles Bridges, during her final month as a student at GWC. "I met him May 1, and we got married September 26," Bridges said.

According to Bridges, she and other students were sunbathing at a house off campus when a group of men drove up to them. They quickly threw on their clothes, according to Bridges, because sunbathing was against college rules. Later that Sunday night, as Bridges and her classmate Linda Earp Bentley walked to church, Charles Bridges pulled up behind them in his car and asked for a date. The couple broke another college rule – visiting a drive-in theater – to go on their first date. "He gave me my ring on July 17," Bridges said.

Another student, Ken Dettmar,



came to GWC in 1954. "I came with \$25 and no help from home," Dettmar said. Three days before the semester began, Dettmar visited Julian Hamrick, GWC's business manager. "I don't have any money, but I've got two hands and I'm willing to work and I need an education," Dettmar told Hamrick.

According to Dettmar, Hamrick said the scholarships, loans, and work-study jobs had already been distributed, but that he would give Dettmar first chance at any available job.

"There will be jobs coming open from time to time and you better not ever let me down," Dettmar remembers Hamrick saying.

"They gave me a chance," Dettmar said.

He found three jobs on his way to Gastonia that day.

According to Dettmar, he came to the reunion to see his friends.

"To see old friends I hadn't seen in 50 years," Dettmar said.

For many of the former students, their old friends are like family members.

"We felt like a family, and we were small enough to be that," said Martha Brooks Giles, a member of the class of 1954.

The reunion continued through April 17, concluding with a Half-Century Club Luncheon in O. Max Gardner Memorial Hall.

## 50th Class Reunion Planning Committee

### Co-Chairs

Betty Emmett Knox, Class of 1954  
Richard E. Plyler, Class of 1955

### Class of 1954

Doris Vance Banner, Daphne Randolph Bridges, Joy Bell Cornwell, Helen Stinson, Thomas Hill, Joann Propst Peeler

### Class of 1955

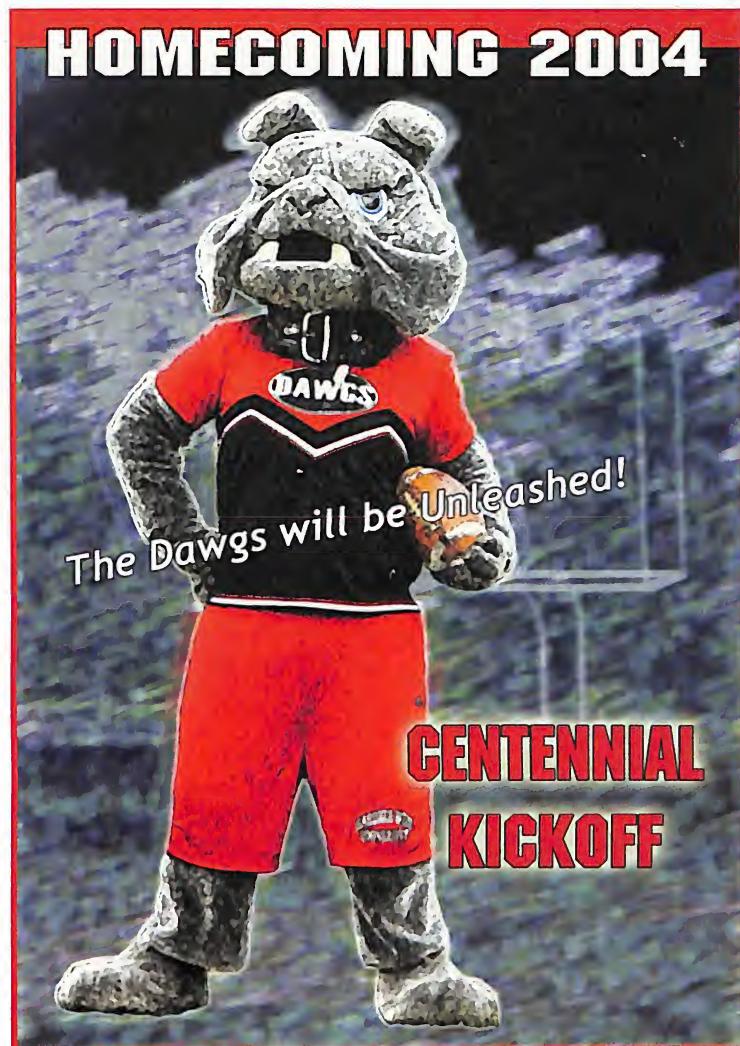
Ronald Burns, Ray Crawford, Nancy Lattimore Queen, Betty Staton Reid, Mac Hill, Becky Hart Smith, Charles Starnes

## *Centennial Kick-Off*

Alumni returning to campus for the 2004 homecoming will have an extra reason to celebrate: the kickoff of Gardner-Webb University's 100th anniversary! Homecoming 2004 will be held October 29-30. The game plan includes the annual alumni golf tournament on Friday afternoon.

Meet with fellow classmates from your decade at the "Brunch for the Decades" on Saturday morning, tour the brand new stadium, watch the parade and cheer the Runnin' Bulldogs to victory over the Chanticleers from Coastal Carolina. The Gallery of Distinguished Graduates banquet will be held on Saturday evening. Alumni will be honored and inducted into the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates.

For more information on Family Weekend and Homecoming, contact the Office of Alumni Relations by phone (704) 406-3862 or by email at [alumni@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:alumni@gardner-webb.edu). Visit our website at [www.gardner-webb.edu](http://www.gardner-webb.edu) for a schedule of events.



## **Family Weekend 2004**

promises to be fun and entertaining for students and their families.  
Family Weekend will take place...

*September 24 - 26, 2004 with this year's theme,  
"We are family...through the Decades!"*

Key events for Family Weekend include the traditional Senior Pinning Reception and Banquet on Friday for undergraduate campus, day, and GOAL students graduating in 2005. The banquet will be followed by the annual Staff/Faculty Variety Show. On Saturday, families will gather for a picnic and football game against Western Carolina University. The weekend concludes with a student-led Worship Service on Sunday morning in Dover Chapel.

Family Weekend registration packets will be mailed in August. Please mark this date in your calendars and plan on being a part of the festivities.

# Alumni Gather in Concord Mills

Alumni from as far away as Tennessee came to Jillian's at Concord Mills, NC, to fellowship and reconnect in February.



Jay and Tara Pass' son has his own fun with the mascot.



Several faculty and staff members were on hand to mingle with alumni, as well as our Bulldog mascot, pictured here nibbling on Dr. Tony Eastman's ear.



Head Football Coach Steve Patton spoke to the group of alumni that spanned seven decades from the 1940s to the most recent graduates of 2003.

## A Centennial Moment

*from Dreaming Daring Doing ... A History of Gardner-Webb University*

The Rev. John W. Suttle was one of the outstanding individuals who helped keep Gardner-Webb (then a high school) afloat during its early years. In fact, when there were only two buildings on all of campus, and while efforts were underway to organize the construction of a third (it would be called Memorial Hall, which became Hamrick Hall), Suttle volunteered his help. He is quoted as saying, "I volunteered to help with the construction of the new building. They took one look at my 115 pounds and said I wouldn't be worth much as a hod carrier ... so I volunteered to help raise money. I drove my horse and buggy all over Cleveland and Rutherford County trying to get a little money for the new building." He related that most of the gifts were nickels, dimes and quarters, with a few dollars and occasionally ten dollars.

After one day of collecting, he said, "When I got home that night, I had \$3.20 in cash and 68 cents pledged. The only other thing I got that day was a good dinner of fresh beans, cornbread and blackberry pie ... and some oats for my horse."



## **Student Speaks Her Appreciation for Scholarship Assistance at University Club Dinner**

The University Club is comprised of a very special group of supporters who believe in Gardner-Webb and its mission so strongly that they provide \$1000 or more

*"When I first stepped on this campus during the summer of my high school graduation, God immediately whispered in my heart, 'this is where I want you to be.' I didn't know how I was going to afford tuition, but I immediately started filling out scholarship, grant and loan applications. The government said my mom made too much money, my church had five college freshmen that year to support, and while my essays were of high quality, they didn't quite reach the top of the totem-pole. I was beginning to get desperate when I got a letter from Gardner-Webb that said they wanted me to come and interview for an academic scholarship. The following day I received a letter from the music department asking me to come audition for scholarships. I am pleased to say that both of those interviews went well."*

*"I am a junior, a music major, a 3.79 grade point average student, a fiancee, a best friend, a high-achiever, a follower of God's will and the first person in my family to go to college for more than one year. I am able to be and to do all of these things thanks to people like you, who support student scholarships through the annual Gardner-Webb fund, and specifically through the University Club."*

annually to support the University's programs. These alumni, parents and friends from all eras and backgrounds know the secret of Gardner-Webb's success...its people.

On April 17th, the group gathered for dinner and fellowship. Student and Gardner-Webb fund recipient, Ashley Anderson, spoke her appreciation to those in attendance:



*GWU student, Ashley Anderson, said, "I am able to be and to do all of these things thanks to people like you."*

**DID YOU KNOW? Ninety-two percent of Gardner-Webb students receive some form of scholarship aid, and most of that aid comes from the Gardner-Webb Fund.**

## **The Gardner-Webb Fund**

... is the name for GWU's annual campaign for support. Your dollars help cover the cost of financially needy students who show promise in academics,

leadership and the core values of our institution. Simply put, without the help provided by the Gardner-Webb Fund, many students would not be able to afford a high-quality private education. You may think that the size of the gift that you could afford to give would be too small of an amount to make a difference. Please remember that when it is combined with the gifts of other alumni and friends, the amount raised for student scholarships will be substantial. It will help at least one more deserving student continue their education in a caring, Christian atmosphere. Your participation in this effort is perhaps even more important than a dollar amount. Alumni giving percentages are often used to rate universities in guides to best colleges. A gift to the Gardner-Webb Fund proves how committed we all are to this university and its students. Many alumni choose to contribute an amount equal to their graduation year (for example - \$19.76 if they graduated in 1976). Would you be able to set aside about \$20 to help a student?

Mail your check with the form printed below. You may make a donation online through our secure Web site at [support.gardner-webb.edu](http://support.gardner-webb.edu) to donate using your credit card or call the Office of Annual Giving at 704-406-3923. To make sure your contribution is counted in this fiscal year which ends June 30, 2004, send in your gift today!



*Every dollar given to the Gardner-Webb Fund goes to support student scholarship.*

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